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**Basnett warning to unions**

Trade unions must recognize that Labour is no longer the automatic choice as an alternative government and they need to face "unpalatable facts" about future policies and strategy, Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trade Union, says today in his union's journal.

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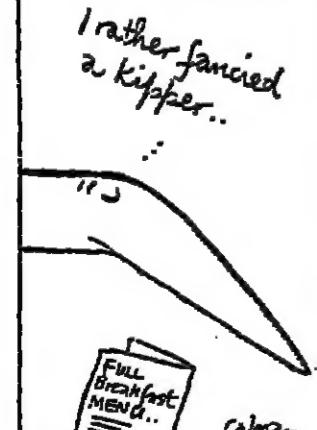
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More than 120 firemen fought most of the day and into the night to control a fire in an oil storage tank at Amoco's Milford Haven refinery.

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# Begin's decision to quit leaves Israel without a leader

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

An intensive and destabilizing period of political bargaining is under way in Israel to find an agreed successor to Mr Menachem Begin, the country's sixth Prime Minister, who announced yesterday beyond any remaining doubt that he is standing down.

The start of the complex process designed to find an alternative leader for the shaky Likud coalition capable of securing a parliamentary majority coincided with Israel's agreement to a second, brief postponement in the redeployment of its occupying troops in Lebanon.

The agreement to delay the pull-back - which had been scheduled to start at first light today - came after an urgent request from President Reagan transmitted by his special envoy, Mr Robert McFarland. It was announced on Israel's army radio network, which explained only that it would be for "a very limited period".

Mr Begin's final decision to retire from political life at the age of 70 - as he first foreshadowed some six years ago - was communicated to coalition leaders during an emotional, two-hour meeting. Afterwards, one of the participants said: "It is a very sad day. But we could see there was no longer any point in trying to persuade him to stay on."

In an effort to thwart any efforts by the opposition Labour Party to put together a rival coalition, Mr Begin agreed to a request from his ministers for a short delay before handing his resignation letter to the Israeli President, Mr Chaim Herzog. It was unclear whether this will be for days or weeks.

The Likud leaders hope that the

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## British troops under fire for first time in Lebanon

From Kate Dovrian, Beirut

The British contingent of the multinational peacekeeping force in Beirut came under attack for the first time yesterday as the Lebanese Army battled against an alliance of Shia Muslim and Druze militias for the third consecutive day. The French also came under fire and one soldier was killed and two others wounded, but there were no casualties among the British troops.

The attack on the British patrol happened near the Galerie Sennar crossing point between the east and west sectors of the city while Colonel David Roberts, commander on the Queen's Dragoon Guards, was driving in a Land-Rover escorted by four Ferret scout cars. The convoy was sprayed with bullets and rocket-propelled grenades, one of which exploded in front of Colonel Roberts's vehicle, according to Major Stuart Bennet, a spokesman for the British contingent.

Colonel Roberts could not be reached for comment at his headquarters in Hadath as electricity cuts in Beirut had disrupted telephone circuits. The British commander had been on his way to a meeting with Mr Richard Palmer, the British chargé d'affaires at the Embassy here.

Major Alain de Lestrade, spokesman for the 2,000-man

# Labour government not automatic alternative, unions told by Basnett

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

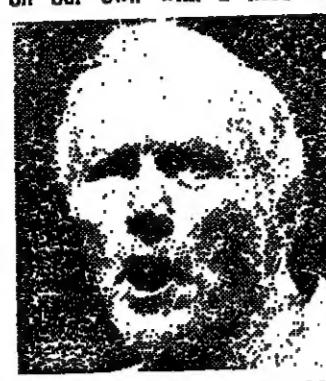
Trade unions have been warned by a union leader that they must recognize that Labour is no longer the automatic choice and that they need to face unpalatable facts about future policies and strategy.

The warning, delivered on the eve of the TUC Congress in Blackpool, comes from Mr David Basnett, general secretary of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union and the key figure in the links between the two wings of the labour movement.

A exposition by Mr Basnett on the union movement's Need to Rethink its objectives and economic policy is contained in his union's journal published today. He says that the challenge to the unions' traditional role is not just coming from hostile government and employers "but also from our own members."

Referring to the political reality that the movement has to face Mr Basnett says: "In all the post-war years we have been dealing with a Labour Party which is either in government or the obvious and only alternative government. Whatever our problems the next government would be a Labour government. That assumption was destroyed in the tragic electoral defeat in June."

"At the moment we cannot presume the outcome of the next election. We cannot therefore put as many eggs in the basket of legislative change after the next election as we have tended to do



Mr Basnett: "Unpalatable political facts"

Government 'apathy' on PIE criticized

By David Nicholson-Lord

Mr Charles Oxley, the Liverpool headmaster who "infiltrated" the Paedophile Information Exchange (PIE) and later supplied the information gained to detectives at Scotland Yard, last night criticized the Government's "apathetic" approach to the case.

Mr Oxley said that the Home Office and the Metropolitan Police had failed to allocate enough police time to the case or give it a high enough priority. "It is hopeless," he added. "They have been very dilatory." Mrs Margaret Thatcher should take a strong lead on the issue, he said.

The Director of Public Prosecutions said yesterday that the file on the case, on which investigation by the Yard began last year, was being assessed by counsel but it was not known when a decision on prosecution would be taken. A new report was submitted by Scotland Yard.

Investigations into PIE, whose members advocate sexual relations with children, have been conducted by only two officers, one of them part-time on the case, according to Mr Oxley.

He said: "This is a matter of

great public concern. Young children all over the country are being seriously assaulted by people who are campaigning to make it legal."

"I would like to see Mrs Thatcher taking a strong lead and that a dreadful situation exists, that we have just about reached rock-bottom with the ill-treatment of children and that something must be done."

The DPP's office said yesterday that reports of a long list of names of those allegedly involved in PIE were misleading, as were claims that there was a "brand-new dossier" on the case.

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, yesterday received the two reports which he had ordered on the activities of the Paedophile Information Exchange, from the Metropolitan Police, and on the kidnap and sexual assault of a young Brighton boy on August 14, from the Sussex force. (Our Political Correspondent writes.)

But it was suggested last night that no precipitate view should be expected from the Home Office on the question of legislation to be taken against the paedophile campaign.

## Cocaine smugglers foiled

Plans to smuggle into Britain cocaine with a street value of £500,000 were foiled after surveillance of a yacht that had recently arrived from the Caribbean. When the holidaymaker reported his "catch" to police, customs officers moved in and three men, two Britons and a New Zealander, were detained.

Customs and Excise officers, who had been keeping watch in

the area, moved in quickly. They were keeping under surveillance a yacht that had recently arrived from the Caribbean. When the holidaymaker reported his "catch" to police, customs officers moved in and three men, two Britons and a New Zealander, were detained.

A picket outside Highlands Fabricators oil platform yard at Ardglass yesterday blocked attempts to restart production for the second day running. Despite strong police presence only half a dozen workers decided to brave the picket line. A management attempt to get workers through a back entrance was also foiled.

The board said jobs would be transferred to Ellington before the end of the year if the miners agree to the closure while 200 will be kept at Lyneham for salvage and maintenance work. The remainder will go through early retirement and voluntary redundancy.

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## Wine chain's own-brand cigarette sales may start price war

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

**Victoria Wine**, part of Allied Lyons and the country's biggest off-licence chain, is to test market its own 20 cigarettes under its own label at 85p per packet. The pack will be white with green and gold lettering. Text marketing will be carried out at 24 outlets and could start a fierce cigarette price cutting war. At 85p the cigarettes will be 4p cheaper than the discounted price on the cheapest branded cigarettes



Furore over Bonn immigration policy

## Turk leaps to death from court

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

A left-wing Turkish activist whom the Government was trying to deport yesterday committed suicide by jumping from a sixth-floor window of the Berlin courthouse where his case was being heard.

He was Mr Kemal Altan, aged 23, and his death quickly unleashed a furor in Germany. The Social Democrats accused the Government of giving more credence to the Turkish military dictators than to its democratic opponents, and said Mr Altan was a victim of the harsh new policy towards foreigners being pursued by Herr Friedrich Zimmermann, the right-wing Minister of the Interior.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had made a personal plea that Mr Altan be granted asylum.

Mr Altan had become a test case for the Government's

declared intention to cut down the numbers granted asylum, but it aroused great concern that it seemed to violate Germany's principle of not sending asylum-seekers back to the countries where they faced persecution. His case was being heard by the highest administrative court of appeal, and he was supported by churchmen, trade unionists and numerous left-wing groups. Even Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, recently expressed doubts about deporting him to Turkey.

Mr Altan died at the start of the second day of the hearing by hurling himself through an open window in the court room as soon as his handcuffs were removed.

His lawyer shouted at him "Don't do it, Kemal" as he leapt up from his seat. Attempts lasting half an hour failed to revive him.

As the leader of a now banned

student group in Turkey, Mr Altan came to Berlin 18 months ago. Turkey accused him of complicity in an assassination attempt on a right-wing politician, but withdrew the charge on seeking his extradition.

He spent the past 13 months in custody while his case was considered. Amnesty International maintained he would be tortured and imprisoned if he was returned.

Last week his brother, a member of the Turkish Parliament, told the court of torture of members of opposition groups in Turkey.

However, Herr Zimmermann, who has proposed various measures to encourage foreigners to leave Germany and to stop anyone evading immigration restrictions by making use of the liberal asylum laws, insisted that he be deported.

A number of other Turkish activists have already been sent back this year, and were promptly arrested on their return. This has

## Mulroney sweeps to victory

From John Best  
Ottawa

The new leader of Canada's Progressive Conservative Party, Mr Brian Mulroney, has won himself a seat in parliament — and, just as important, shown that he has a more widespread influence. He will take over as Opposition leader when the Commons reopens on September 12.

While Mr Mulroney was sweeping to an overwhelming by-election triumph in the Nova Scotia riding of Central Nova on Monday, another Tory candidate was marching to victory in a by-election at the opposite end of the country in British Columbia.

The victory of Mr Gerry St Germain in Mission-Fort Moody, BC, was an upset. Mr St Germain, a 44-year-old poultry farmer defeated the New Democratic Party (NDP) candidate, Sophie Werenczuk, a school trustee, by more than 3,000 votes.

This could be interpreted as a sign that the photogenic and charismatic Mr Mulroney, aged 44, who won the leadership in June without ever having run for parliament, has the "coat tails" to help pull other Tory candidates into the Commons.

With 211 of 212 polls counted, Mr Mulroney had about 19,000 votes, Mr Alvin Sinclair, the Liberal candidate 7,851; and Mr Roy De March of the NDP 4,109.

In a victory statement, Mr Mulroney said the Tory win offered new hope, new promise and new opportunity for Canada. "There is no longer any such thing as a safe Liberal seat anywhere in Canada".



Mr Mulroney: "No safe Liberal seat left"

## Aquino 'hired killer' named

Manila (AP, Reuter) — The Philippines Government has identified the man is says killed the opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, and said he was a notorious "gun for hire" employed previously by crime syndicates or subversives.

The chief military investigator, Major General Prospero Olivas, said the man, who was shot dead by security forces immediately after Mr Aquino was killed on August 21, was named as Rolando Galman y Dawang.

President Marcos described the assassination as an "idiotic

crime that no Filipino politician would commit.

At a meeting with United States Senator Mark Hatfield, yesterday, he said that only local communists stood to benefit, not his Government, his party or the opposition, according to a Presidential Palace statement.

The statement reported Senator Hatfield as saying he understood the country's problems and would urge President Reagan to carry on with his planned visit to the Philippines in November.

Cardinal Jaime Sin Archbishop of Manila, yesterday called for a

council of national reconciliation to establish contact between the Government and the Filipino people after the Aquino murder.

Cardinal Sin, who will officiate at the funeral in Manila today, refused to serve on the judicial panel set up by President Marcos to investigate the murder.

• ISTANBUL: The Philippine Prime Minister, Mr Cesar Virata, said yesterday that — "Government elements" could have been involved in the Aquino murder (Reuter reports). In an interview he said: "We are not ruling that out. That is why an independent commission was formed".

## Greece fails to convince Trudeau

From Marie Modiano  
Athens

Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, who briefly interrupted a Greek island holiday with his three sons to have official talks with the Greek leaders on Monday and Tuesday, said yesterday that he had disagreed with a Greek proposal for a six-month delay in the deployment of missiles in Europe to give the Geneva talks a better chance.

Mr Trudeau said that Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, had not convinced him that the postponement of the deadline to June 1984 would improve the chances of agreement. "There has already been some movement on both sides in Geneva and this is largely due to the fact that December is the deadline", he told a press conference.

Mr Papandreou said that he had discussed at length the missile proposal with Mr Trudeau. But quite paradoxically he added: "I found his position on the issue quite logical".

The two men discussed the prospect of Canadian investments in Greece, brisker bilateral trade, and transfer of Canadian technology. At a banquet on Monday night Mr Papandreou called his Canadian colleague a "great radical" while Mr Trudeau spoke of Mr Papandreou as an "unconventional prime minister".

Mr Trudeau also asked Mr Papandreou whether the withdrawal of the Canadian contingent which served for the past 19 years with the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus, could help solve the problem, but was told that this would hardly be the appropriate time.

## Walesa to defy Gdansk order — with flowers

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, seen on Polish television screens on Monday night for the first time in 20 months, is likely to be the rogue card in today's celebrations of the Gdansk agreement which exactly three years gave birth to Solidarity.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said yesterday that the Gdansk authorities had turned down a request by Mr Walesa to hold a commemorative meeting at 2.30pm today outside the Lenin shipyards. All meetings apart from the officially sanctioned ceremony in the morning, will be considered illegal.

But Mr Walesa had made clear his determination to lay flowers at the three towering crosses marking the death of workers in 1970, near the shipyards gates. If he does so at the time that the shift changes at the shipyards between 2 and 3 pm a natural crowd may well gather.

In a speech last week — a reply to an anti-Solidarity message by Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Deputy Prime Minister — Mr Walesa invited a government representative to lay flowers with him as an act of goodwill. The sentence was cut out of the television transmission of the encounter.

Apart from the Gdansk flash-

point, there may be trouble in other cities including Nowa Huta and Warsaw. Last year on August 31 demonstrations broke out throughout the country with running street battles between the police and Solidarity supporters in well over a dozen towns and cities. Five people died as a result.

This year, the solidarity underground has not called for demonstrations but for a boycott of all public transport, and of the official press. Workers are expected to stream through the streets, meeting at 4 pm at strategic places in a number of cities including the capital. Later the protesters, if they follow the appeal, will attend a Mass for Solidarity. Any of these occasions could provoke a demonstration.

The police are on full alert, but

government officials say that they do not expect serious unrest today. They point to the failure of the go-slow called by the underground over the past week — a complete fiasco — is how Mr Urban described it — as a token that the Polish people do not want to follow the Solidarity leadership.

Mr Urban quoted statistics showing that consumption of electricity by factories had increased over the past week. This showed that the go-slow had collapsed, he said.

## Pacific nuclear ban fails

From Tony Duboudin, Melbourne

Australia has failed to achieve a strong commitment from the members of the South Pacific Forum for its proposal for a nuclear-free Pacific.

The forum concluded its two-day meeting in Canberra yesterday with an agreement in principle to the concept of a nuclear-free zone, but ministers felt that the time was not right to adopt a declaration supporting the plan.

Australia had hoped that if the forum agreed, the proposal could

have been circulated at the United Nations. This would have been an embarrassment to France.

The forum appeared split between those who said that the Australian proposal did not go far enough and those who said that it went too far.

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## Challenger launch turns night into day

From Trevor Fishlock  
New York

In a flash of flame that turned night into day the space shuttle Challenger roared into orbit from Cape Canaveral yesterday to start a six-day mission.

Rain delayed the lift-off for 17 minutes and the shuttle departed at 2.52am in the first night launching of a space craft since Apollo 17 eleven years ago.

A few hours after the launching, television pictures from the spacecraft showed the five crew members going about their work.

Challenger's journey is a dramatic demonstration of the reliability of the shuttle. The space craft made the seventh shuttle flight in July and was serviced in a record 67 days.

One of the main tasks on this trip is to launch Insat-1B, a communications satellite, into orbit 22,300 miles above the Indian Ocean. The satellite which will provide telephone, television, and meteorological services for India, will be launched today with the shuttle's 50-ft-long robot arm.

Among experiments to be conducted on board will be one which, it is hoped, will lead to a more efficient method of masking insulin, leading to a new treatment for diabetics.

• MOSCOW: The Soviet Union marked the launching of Challenger yesterday by renewing accusations that the United States is using the shuttle programme to militarize space. Tass said one of the crew's tasks was intended to help the Pentagon replace "spy satellites".



Dance of the toreador: The bull and matador Miguel Espinosa, known as "Armillita Chico", execute an evasive two-step in their encounter at San Sebastian de los Reyes, near Madrid.

## Norway tries to right disaster rig

Oslo (Reuter)

Norway plans a new attempt this week to right the Alexander Kielland accommodation rig, which capsized in a hurricane in the North sea over three years ago in the worst offshore rig disaster so far.

The rig capsized on March 27, 1980, killing 123 oil workers, after one of its 800-tonne steel legs

snapped loose. Oil industry experts hope a successful recovery will "set further light on the accident" and improve safety.

The Norwegian company Stolt-Nielsen Sessy, Contracting is

confident it has found a way to right the rig and it plans to begin trimming the 150ft tall steel structure tomorrow and then turn the rig two days later.

A company spokesman said the task was comparable to turning an 18-storey building upside down.

The French-built Alexander Kielland was used as a hotel by up to 350 oil workers on the Ekofisk field on Norway's North Sea continental shelf. At the time of the disaster, 232 workers were on board.

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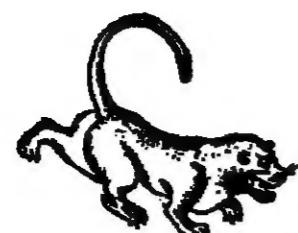
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## SPECTRUM

Iskander Harappa married into Raza Hyder's family after Hyder had lost his first born son. Harappa patronizes his disappointed relative and appoints him as his personal trusty to reorganize his defeated army. But the roles are suddenly reversed in this third extract of *Shame* as Salman Rushdie concludes his fictional examination of the Zia-Bhutto rift and its continuing reverberations in Pakistan today.



## SUCH IS THE SHAPE OF DEATH

General Hyder would remember to his dying day the time he had visited Iskander Harappa to discuss the defence budget and been slapped across the face for his pains. "Expenditure is falling below acceptable levels, Isky," he informed the prime minister, and to his astonishment Harappa banged on his desk so fiercely that the Mont Blanc pens jumped in their holders and the shadows in the corners hissed with alarm. "Acceptable to whom?" Iskander Harappa shouted. "The army does not say what goes, mister. No longer. Get that into your head. If we allot you 50 paissa a year, then that is what you must make do with. Get that straight and get out."

"Iskander," Raza said without raising his voice, "don't forget your friends."

"A man in my position has no friends," Harappa replied. "There are only temporary alliances based on mutual self-interest."

"Then you have ceased to be a human being," Raza told him, and added thoughtfully: "A man who believes in God must also believe in men." Iskander Harappa flew into an even more terrifying rage. "Look out, General," he shrieked, "because I can put you back in that dustbin where I found you." He had rushed out from behind his desk and was screaming right into Raza's face, depositing spit on the general's cheeks. "God forgive you, Isky," Raza murmured, "you have forgotten that we are not your servants." It was at this point that Iskander Harappa struck him on a spittle-moistened cheek. He did not strike back, but remarked softly, "The blushes caused by such blows do not easily fade."

And in those later years, when Iskander Harappa was safely under the ground and his tough-as-nails daughter was locked away with her mother, Raza Hyder would find himself dreaming about that slap, and about all those years in which Isky Harappa had treated him like dirt. And Arjumand had been even worse; she had stared at him with such open hatred that he believed her capable of anything. Once Isky sent her, in his place, to the annual army parade, just to humiliate the soldiers by making them salute a woman, and a woman, what was more, who had no official status in the government; and Raza had made the mistake of mentioning his worries to the virgin Ironpants. "Maybe history has come between our houses," he said, "and things have gone wrong, but remember we aren't strangers, Arjumand, we go back a long way."

"I know," she said wistfully, "my brother is your cousin, I believe."



Chairman Iskander Harappa developed a toothache 30 seconds before the 10pm surrounded his home in the capital of unwanted airport terminals. His daughter Arjumand had just said something that tempted fate, and whenever anybody did that it made all of Iskander's betel-blackened teeth howl with superstitious anguish, especially after midnight, when such things are even more dangerous than they seem in the daylight.

"The steam has gone out of the opposition," Arjumand had suggested, much to her father's alarm. He had been musing in a contented after-dinner fashion about the rumoured escape of an albino panther in the wooded hills of Bagheeragali some 40 miles away, forcing his thoughts out of those haunted woods he scolded his daughter, "God knows how to wash off this optimism of yours; I'll have to dunk you in the reservoir behind the Barrage Dam."

Then his teeth began giving him hell, worse than ever before, and he said aloud in his surprise what he had suddenly thought: "I am smoking the last but one cigar of my life." No sooner had the prophecy left his lips than they were joined by an uninvited guest, an army officer with the saddest face in the world, Colonel Shuja, for six years ADC to General Raza Hyder. The colonel saluted and informed the

prime minister of the coup. "Beg for pardon, sir, but you must accompany me at once to the Bagheeragali rest house."

Iskander Harappa realized that he had failed to grasp the meaning of his reverie, and smiled at his own stupidity. "You see, Arjumand," he said, "they want to feed me to the panther, isn't it so?" Then he turned to Shuja and asked who had given such orders. "Chief Martial Law Administrator, sir," the colonel replied. "General Hyder, sir, beg for pardon."

"Look at my back," Iskander told his daughter, "and you will see a coward's knife."

Harappa was detained in some comfort at the government rest house in Bagheeragali, where of course he was not eaten by a panther. He even retained the use of a telephone, for incoming calls only; the Western newspapers found out the number and Iskander gave long, eloquent interviews to many overseas journalists. In these interviews he made detailed accusations, casting numerous doubts on Raza Hyder's good faith, moral fibre, sexual potency and legitimacy of birth. Still Raza remained tolerant. "That Isky," he confided to Colonel Shuja, "highly-strung bloke. Always was. And the chap is naturally upset; I'd be the same in his shoes. Also one must not believe everything one reads in the Christian press."

"Suppose you hold elections and he wins, sir," Colonel Shuja ventured as his face acquired the most dolorous expression Raza had ever seen on that unhappy countenance, "beg for pardon, sir, but what'll he do to you?"

Raza Hyder looked surprised. "What is this *do*?" he cried. "To me? His old comrade, his family member by marriage? Have I tortured him? Have I thrown him in the public lock-up? Then what is there for him to do?"

"Family of gangsters, sir," Shuja said, "those Harappas everyone knows. Revenge, crimes and what-all, it's in their blood, beg for pardon, General."

From that moment Raza Hyder's bruised forehead acquired deep furrows of thought, and two days later he announced to his ADC, "We're going to see that fellow pronto and just sort everything out."

Afterwards Colonel Shuja would swear that until that meeting between Raza and Iskander the general had never thought of assuming the presidency. "That stupid man," he always stated when asked, "brought his fate on his own head." Shuja drove with General Hyder to Bagheeragali, and as the staff car climbed the hill roads their nostrils were assailed by the sweet scent of pine-cones and beauty, those aromas which had the power of lifting the heaviest hearts and making one think that nothing was insoluble. And at the Bagheeragali bungalow the ADC waited in an antechamber while the fatal conference took place.

Iskander Harappa's premonition about the cigars had come true, because in spite of all the air-conditioning units and cut-glass goblets and Shirazi rugs and other creature comforts at the rest house he had been unable to locate a single ashtray, and when he asked the guards to have a box of his favourite Havanas sent from his home they had politely told him it was impossible.

The smoking ban possessed Isky's thoughts, wiping out his appreciation of his comfortable bed and good meals, because it was plain that somebody had ordered the guards to deny him his smokes, so he was being told something – watch out – and he didn't like it, no sir. The absence of cigar smoke left a rancid taste in his mouth. He began to chew betel nut non-stop, deliberately spitting the juice out on the priceless rugs, because his rage had begun to overcome the fastidious elegance of his true nature. The paans made his teeth hurt even more, so what with everything that had gone wrong inside his mouth it wasn't surprising his words turned bad as well...

Raza Hyder could not have been expecting the reception he got, because he went into Iskander's room with a conciliatory smile on his face; but the moment he shut the door the cursing began, and Colonel Shuja swore that he saw wisps of blue smoke emerging from the keyhole, as if there were a fire



inside, or 420 Havana cigars all smoking away at the same time.

Isky Harappa cursed Raza for an hour and a half without permitting any interruption. Betel juice and the tobacco added to his already enormous vocabulary of imprecations a deadlier rancour than it had ever possessed in the days of his rakehell youth. By the time he finished the walls of that room were spattered from top to bottom with betel juice, the curtains were ruined, it looked as if a herd of animals had been slaughtered in there, as if turkeys or goats had been struggling wildly in their death-throes, rushing around the room with the blood spewing from the red smiles on their throats. Raza Hyder came out with paan juice dripping off his clothes, his moustache was full of it and his hands shook as the red fluid dribbled off his fingertips, as if his hands had been washed in a bowl of Iskander's lifeblood. His face was paper-white.

General Hyder did not speak until the staff car had pulled up outside the C-in-C's residence. Then he said casually to Colonel Shuja: "I have been hearing some terrible things about Mr Harappa's period in office. That man does not deserve to be set loose. He is a menace to the country."

Two days later General Hyder's son-in-law, Talvar Ulhaq, made the statement in which, under oath, he accused Iskander Harappa of arranging for the murder of his cousin, Little Mir. When Colonel Shuja read this document he thought, wonderfully: Just look where bad language will get you."

Chairman Iskander Harappa was taken from Bagheeragali rest house to the Kot Lakhpat jail in Lahore. He was

kept there in solitary confinement. He suffered from malaria and from infections of the colon. There were bouts of severe influenza. His teeth began to fall out and he lost weight in other ways as well.

The trial took place in the High Court at Lahore, before five Punjabi judges. At one point Iskander used the phrase, "Damn it," and was remanded for the use of bad language in court. He apologized: "My state of mind is not good." The Chief Justice replied: "We don't care." This made Iskander lose his temper. "I've had enough," he cried, "of insults and humiliations". The Chief Justice ordered police officers: "Take that man away until he regains his senses." Another judge added the following remark: "We cannot tolerate this. He thinks he is the former Prime Minister, but we do not care for him." All this is on the record.

At the end of the six-month trial, Iskander Harappa was sentenced to hang by the neck until dead and immediately moved into the death-cell at Kot Lakhpat jail. He was given just seven days, instead of the usual 30, to lodge an appeal.

Iskander announced: "Where there is no justice, there is no point in seeking it. I shall not appeal."



What is the shape of death? Death's cell is ten feet long, seven wide, eight high, 62.2 cubic yards of finality beyond which there awaits a certain courtyard, a last cigar, silence. *I will insist on Romeo y Julietas. That story also ends in death...* They call this solitary confinement but he is not alone, there are flies formicating on his toenails and mosquitoes drinking from the pool of his wrists, putting the blood

to some use before it all goes to waste. Four guards in the corridor, too: in short, plenty of company. And sometimes they let his lawyers pay a call.

Through the door of the iron bars comes the stink of the latrine. In the winter he shivers but the low temperature takes the edge off that brown and tooted smell. In the hot season they switch off the ceiling fan and the odour bubbles and swells, stuffing its putrid fingers up his nose, making his eyes bulge even though his tear ducts are dry.

Two years from fall to hanging, and almost the whole time spent in the enclosed space of death.

If it is a dream, and sometimes in the fever of his days he thinks it is, then (he also knows) the dreamer is someone else. He is inside the dream, or he would not be able to touch dream-insects; dream-water would not burn him ... someone is dreaming him. God, then? No, not God. He struggles to remember Raza Hyder's on the record.

Comprehension comes before the end. He, Harappa brought the general from the wilderness into the world. The general of whom this cell is one small aspect, who is general omnipresent, omnivorous: it is a cell inside his head. Death and the general: Iskander sees no difference between the terms. *From darkness into light, from nothingness into somethingness. I made him. I was his father, he is my seed. And now I am less than he.*

Then another step, which takes him beyond such acting simplicities. The father should be superior and the son, inferior. *But now I am low and he, high. An inversion: the parent become the child. He is turning me into his son.*

His son. Who emerged dead from the womb with a noose about his neck.

*That noose seals my fate.* Because now he understands the cell, the throbbing walls, the smell of excrement, the drumbeat of a foul invisible heart: death's belly, an inverse womb, dark mirror of a birthplace, its purpose is to suck him in, to draw him back and down through time, until he hangs foetal in his own waters, with an umbilical cord hung fatally round his neck. He will leave this place only when its mechanisms have done their work, death's baby, travelling down the death canal, and the noose will tighten its grip.

A man will wait a lifetime for revenge. The killing of Iskander Harappa avenges the still-born child. *Yes I am being unmade.*

Iskander Harappa was persuaded by his lawyers to lodge an appeal against the High Court's sentence of death.

The appeal was heard by a bench of seven judges sitting in the Supreme Court in the new capital. By the time the Supreme Court hearings ended he had been in captivity for a year and a half, and a further six months were to pass before the body of the former prime minister arrived at Moheno in the care of Talvar Ulhaq, who had, by then, been returned to active police duty.

Elections were not held. Raza Hyder became president. All this is well known.

On the retreat through Greece in front of the advancing Germans, Captain Leonard Tasker felt strangely protective towards the 3,000 men and 2,000 miles under his command. He also felt strangely protective towards Xenia, the proud Greek peasant girl who had attached herself to the company, even though accommodation was desperately hard to find for her.

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"I have never had a girl from Guildford," he boasted.

"Nor will you, Eddie!" sang out a voice. It was Alec, the chancy Glaswegian the had met earlier. But before Alec could move, Joan had kneed Yukovic in the groin, chopped him to the back of the neck and kicked him twice expertly as he sank groaning to the floor.

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The Hot Summer Campaign, by Wendy Thomas

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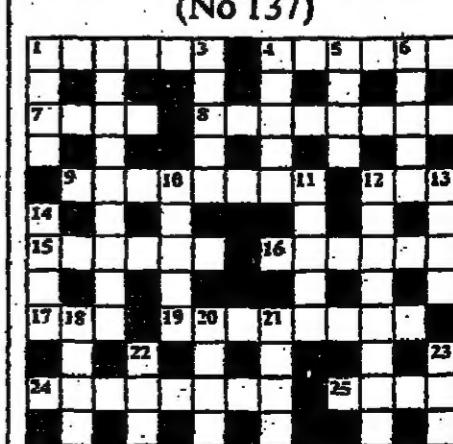
"Hope you don't mind mentioning it to you, sir," said the old sergeant to him one night, "but the men are beginning to talk about the way that girl sleeps in your tent at night."

"Heaven's," said Leonard, flushing. "Surely they don't think there's anything..."

But Leonard's loyalties are sharply divided when Xenia, out foraging for yoghurt, is captured by the Germans. Should he continue the retreat without her, or turn and fight them for possession of the girl whom he finds so inexplicably fascinating despite not being able to understand a word she says? A taut epic of revenge, pursuit and military incompetence, with many riveting details about male manhood.

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### Whispers of old army boots

Romantic military fiction marches on! The success of Mills and Boon, Moreover's new imprint, which satisfies both male and female fantasies, seems unstoppable. The secret of these tender, dangerous novels is that they are as soft as sex cyclists, yet as uncompromising as a kick in the teeth with an army boot.

Accordingly we present to eager readers a small run-down of new titles on our list:

Horizon of Love, by Gwendoline Fawkes

High in the skies over Dorothy the Spitfire and Meeschenbach twisted and turned, each trying to gain ascendancy over the other. Hurricane, Kate, at the controls of the Spitfire, had already shot down 20 Huns, yet she knew that this time she had an opponent worthy of her.

"Get you now," she whispered, as she turned and headed towards the sleek shape of the German plane. But all she saw was empty sky. Glancing back over her shoulder, she saw with horror the Messerschmitt coming down at her out of the sun. There was no way she could escape now. With resignation, she patted her hair into shape and closed her eyes.

"We'll meet again, Weiss nicht where, Weiss nicht wenn," said her radio softly. She opened her eyes, just in time to see the enemy cockpit that past and a cheery face wink at her. Johnny von Arnstadt! The one they called the Handsome Finn. How she hated him. Horribly fascinated, she realized that he had just spurred her lie.

"I'll get you, Johnny," she vowed. And so indeed she would, but she never suspected that it would be Mrs Johnny von Arnstadt, after twists and turns of fate that would leave her very breathless.

The Silence Sobs, by Trudi Bissell

"We do not normally take women in the Foreign Legion," said Major Pierre Danois. He paused, regarding the way her trim figure fitted into the uniform. "And yet, in your case . . . I presume you are joining to forget a great and tragic love?"

"Not at all," said

## WEDNESDAY PAGE

## ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

The radical chic  
of it all

I am - aren't we all? - a member of a nuclear family, and the four-month-old baby is by far our most potent piece of weaponry. He goes off at irregular intervals, and, like the neutron bomb, destroys life as we know it while leaving property intact. He is doing so now. The Street Radical drops by in search of cooperation for the summer party. Fine in principle, except that his house is a Nuclear Free Zone - it says so on the front window - so presumably I would be disbarred from attending meetings there with the above progeny.

**SALT** talks reconvened at "where else? the breakfast table". My son is standing out for increased spending on conventional arms, including a full Robin Hood outfit and life-size claymore. He reckons this would bring him into line with his sister's receipt of a battery organ, the Junior Tomemaster. I explain that this does not fall within the nuclear umbrella, being an instrument of culture and harmony, but at this moment an atomic toccata, more Schoenberg than Schumann, pulses in from the "music room". Not even Holt's bringer of war could sift the strings and summon up the blood so well, and I begin to see the lad's point. This is clearly an issue for the next full CRUET conference (Conference to Resist Unnecessarily Expensive Toys). The baby, meanwhile, is chipping in with his own strident early warning system, which bodies ill for the mid-1980s. These emerging nations are all very well, but they are often a bit light on diplomacy.

My son appears with a gaudy brochure of the desired hardware. *Jane's Fighting Planes* could have trebled its readership with such vivid display, and I confess I am drawn to the document. But goodness, the prices. Even the most humble instrument of obfuscation is an unacceptably high proportion of the gross domestic product. My son is furious at this and stamps off down the hall to convene an ad hoc YELL meeting.

I take another look at the pamphlet of death and am intrigued as to where it came from. Petrelia's boys? I doubt it; there is a freeze on relations with them. The Mailand children? No, such literature would not be countenanced in that state; the household has always held itself up as a demilitarized zone (despite the Stroessner-like paternalism of the president), a sort of Costa Rica of the

Central Richmond Isthmus. Where then? I have a hunch it emanates from the Street Radical's preserve. Just a hunch, but a very strong one. I fancy there is a marked strain of bellicosity in his protectorate. You only have to look at his racists, Fidel and Raoul, and their wild-eyed forays into the scrubland of the park.

First meeting of SPOC (Summer Party Organization Committee). We are chez Street Radical in his surprisingly bijou dwelling. There are Sandinista posters behind frameless perspex against the hessian, and the rear sector of the knocked-through lounge is solid with Bahuchistan. Around the table are Mr and Mrs Radical (she too is in publishing); two of them (I do not mean to be unkind) token pensioners; myself and - dear God - Petrelia. Not even Contadora could have assembled such a range of potential dissidents. I have put my head in the lion's mouth by bringing the neutron bomb with me, but Fidel and Raoul are showing a surprising sense of rapport (I hope that is what it is) by slinking into the music room". Not even Holt's bringer of war could sift the strings and summon up the blood so well, and I begin to see the lad's point. This is clearly an issue for the next full CRUET conference (Conference to Resist Unnecessarily Expensive Toys). The baby, meanwhile, is chipping in with his own strident early warning system, which bodies ill for the mid-1980s. These emerging nations are all very well, but they are often a bit light on diplomacy.

A breakdown in the CRUET talks, with a charm between the two superpowers (wife and self), and heightened tension among the client states. I realize now that we have gone multilateral (beleaguered on all sides).

Radical roars down the road in his poor man's Range-Rover - the Rancho Sunatra or Macho Sinatra or whatever it is - and hangs about the pamphlet hardens into a conviction.

Second SPOC meeting. It now transpires that party proceeds are to go to CND, at which point the pensioners, and Petrelia, stand up to leave. There is no warlike aspect to march that of the Old Dear when roused. Petrelia, of course, needs no such metamorphosis. I have in my hand a piece of paper, to coin a phrase. It is THAT PAMPHLET, smuggled beneath the counterpane of the pram, and I let it drop on to the Amico as the Radical boys teem into the smoke-filled conference room with the glint of fresh arcotiles in their eyes. The elder one (quite a senior citizen at nine), snatches it from the floor, screaming: "It's mine! It's mine!"

A compromise: party profits will now go to the NSPCC. The Parents will not take this lying down.



## TALKBACK

## Still in fear

From a reader in south-west London As one of those "battered wives" we hear so much about, I would like to put another side of the access rights controversy.

For years I was married to a very violent man until I finally escaped with my two sons to a Woman's Aid refuge. In due course I obtained various injunctions, custody orders and my decrees. Because I feel that my sons had a right to see him I did not fight the access order. I am now committed, for the next 10 years, to making sure that the children are at a certain place at a certain time three Sundays a month.

What this means is that I can never be free of him. He will always know where I am, what I do, whom I see and who visits me; he questions the children about this all the time. Any future relationship I may form will be overshadowed by the fear that he will know about it and that my friends will be harassed (or worse). Violent men rarely have any respect for the law, they act first and consider the consequences afterwards.

I lost my home and all my possessions (my fear of reprisal outweighed everything else), and I can hardly be said to have gained my freedom or even peace of mind. Having lived in fear of this man for years I find I am still living in fear of him - because the access rights demand that I have to do so.

## Cervical cancer

From Dr O. A. N. Husain, Regional Cytology Centre, The Division of Pathology, Victoria Health Authority, St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, SW10.

Your article, "How Screen Tests Can Save Lives" (August 17), has missed an important point at issue. The screening programme of the NHS carries out about three million smear tests each year to cover the 15 to 17 million women at risk from cervical cancer. If evenly spread over the population, such an effort would have a substantial effect on the mortality rate from this cancer, which, on average, for some five to 10 years as a detectable pre-cancerous condition. Of all the smear tests received by the screening laboratories in this country, some 55 per cent come from those under 35 years old (from about seven million women) compared with 45 per cent from the 14 million over 35.

It is only when the numbers screened rise to a significant level that the mortality drops. It is obvious that between 60 and 70 per cent of the young women in this country are probably having tests, compared with less than 30 per cent of those over 35, when true cancer develops.

Concentration of effort, therefore, should be on involving by persuasion and encouragement to the young, middle-aged and older women to come forward to be tested. A much higher proportion of over 35s attend the screening projects at the mobile clinics of the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign than those who attend the statutory clinics.

The problem is not one of providing screening service, it is the involvement of those at greatest risk which, apart from the more sexually active high-risk groups, are those of age. We must attract the 35 to 55s to avail themselves of our free screening service. The task is one of health education and publicity and provision of a wide range of smear collections to suit all groups and ages of women.

**Sclerosis therapy**

From Dr P. B. James

I would like to correct a number of points in the article "MS dispute" (Medical Briefing, August 5). The use of hyperbaric oxygen in the treatment of multiple sclerosis is not based on my proposition that the cause of the initial damage in the disease is the blockage of the microcirculation of the nervous system by fat particles.

These ideas were the subject of an article in *The Lancet* last year, but reports of improvement with intermittent high pressure oxygen have been published independently in six countries over the last 13 years, and relate to more than 700 patients.

These have been confirmed by controlled animal studies and a double-blind, controlled trial in multiple sclerosis sufferers at New York University, despite the utilization of oxygen in a way appropriate to a pharmaceutical preparation.

The credit for most of the recent effort should go to Dr R. A. Neuhauser of Florida, who has continued to use and research this therapy in spite of constant opposition, because he found it was of benefit to patients, even in the later stages of the disease. Finally, the 250 patients treated in Dundee have been treated by ARMS, in their self-help centre, not by me.

Veronica Grocock talks to a woman to whom keeping the house clean is a painful obsession

Betty Friedan, the American writer, once declared, in a variation on Parkinson's Law, that "housework expands to fill the time available". The year was 1963, and Ms Friedan's book, *The Feminist Mystique*, became a seminal feminist text for its exposure of the "bored housewife" syndrome. Despite the benefits of labour-saving gadgets, she observed, the modern housewife probably spent more time on housework than her grandmother did.

Twenty years on, June Quechen's bungalow in Lewes, a microcosm of neatness in this small, spruce Sussex town, is tangible testimony to the claim. She shares it with husband Steve, a freelance composer and arranger, their 13-year-old son Timothy, and a cat called Mu-lon.

The family home is spotless, utterly devoid of dust and clutter. Walls and surfaces gleam, most of the furniture is modern and functional, and every item has its allotted place. Nothing less would satisfy June Quechen, whose desire for a tidy home oversteps normal boundaries of domestic punctiliousness. Her days are dominated by a punishing ritual of cleaning, washing and polishing, in strict rotational order, from nine in the morning until tea-time (shopping, cooking and other chores have to be fitted in later). It is a daily obsession that has remained with her throughout 31 years of marriage, despite all attempts to thwart it with drugs, psychotherapy and electric shock-treatment.

A smartly dressed, intelligent and articulate woman of 34, June Quechen can rationalize her bizarre obsession, and even joke about it, albeit in a weary, déjà vu fashion. But if she ever tries to stop the ritual, she becomes hysterical or deeply depressed.

"The depression seems to lift when I've finished cleaning", she says. "I feel I've achieved something at the end of each day. I haven't, but my head feels clearer."

"The family suffer terribly. The thought of any mess is devastating for me. I live in terror of burglars." They were burgled once, in their previous home in Brighton. Luckily, she recalls wryly, "he was an exceptionally tidy burglar".

The Quichens rarely entertain at home, because of the inevitable disruption to her routine. Yet it is hard to reconcile June Quechen's poised, outgoing manner and well-groomed appearance with the "obsessional" tag. She seems the antithesis of the flustered household drudge.

"It's a big act", she says, "a facade that I've adopted over the years. I go to great lengths not to make people feel uncomfortable. I can keep up appearances, but I get in such a terrible state inside that I feel sick with it. It makes friendships a bit limited. I often wonder what would happen if the house was on fire. I'm

Dr Robert Sharpe practises behaviour therapy in Wimpole

## Too clean for comfort



sure I would still have to finish cleaning it!"

Although she laughs now and again at what she terms her "madness", she is only too aware of her resultant strains on family life. She still feels guilty about her decision to send Timothy, an only child, to boarding school. "He was only eight. I wouldn't allow his friends in the house, and that is so very bad for a child. He couldn't play or develop properly. She always tidyding his toys and putting them away."

Timothy, who plans to move out soon and share a flat, is reticent by nature, but admits that his mother's obsessional behaviour has been "getting on my nerves quite a bit over the past few months. It does affect you, because of other things on my mind like trying to get a job."

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"My mum comes into my room and dust

## THE ARTS

## EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

Bridget Reilly's long interest in the dynamics of form and colour has at last, perhaps inevitably, turned her to designing for dance: Ballet Rambert première Robert North's *Colour Moves* at the King's Theatre tomorrow. Interview by Roger Berthoud

## Shining visions of an abstract future

Bridget Reilly with her wall decorations for the Royal Liverpool Hospital and (right) working with assistants on the designs for *Colour Moves*

Given Bridget Reilly's deep interest as an abstract painter in the dynamic properties of form and colour, it was an inspired idea of the Ballet Rambert's artistic director, Robert North, to commission her to design a new ballet, her first. Judging by a model at her home in Holland Park, her work is likely to make strong impact when *Colour Moves* has its debut at the Edinburgh Festival tomorrow. North has done the choreography, the music is by Christopher Beauford and the costumes by Andrew Storer.

A slim woman of 31 with short, dark hair and very blue eyes, she explains how she set about the task. "Robert North invited me to go first," as it were, that is, to design the sets first. The music and choreography would then be set to the visual situation I had made. That was a tremendously exciting challenge.

"Robert liked the studies I had pinned up around the studio; he liked the way one colour reacted upon another, and thought that we could make an abstract colour ballet on the

basis of these relationships. Initially I took five colours and designed five backcloths, each dominated by one colour. The sequence of the cloths had to be thought about: red and yellow form natural high points, for instance, while blues and greens are quieter.

"The next difficulty was how to link the colours so they formed a continuous whole. We decided to use the colours of the costumes to make the transitions, so the dancers carry the development of the ballet from one colour-space, set or act to the next."

As she worked on the cloths, she noticed that a blue dancer against a blue cloth gave a mysterious, ethereal, almost disembodied feeling, while the same blue dancer leaps to life against a vivid yellow cloth. So, by reacting upon each other, the dancers and backcloths generate distinct moods and give the ballet a theme of metamorphosis. All the colours come together in stripes in a joyous finale.

Those vertical stripes of colour form the subject-matter of her latest

paintings. Why stripes rather than the more complex designs on which her international reputation was built? "They have the maximum exposure of edge," she says, "and it's along the edges that the interactions take place."

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It is tempting to see a link between Bridget Reilly's originality and her having been spared much formal education. She lived with her mother, sister and an aunt before and during the war in a north Cornwall cottage with no mod cons. Her father, a businessman, served in the Far East and was missing for 18 months; his wages were paid at

first, but had to paid back when he was presumed killed. Then he turned up in a Japanese camp on the infamous Burma-Siam railway line – and the wages were returned. He is still very much alive, aged 83.

It was a wonderfully exciting and makeshift life for a child, she recalls. Her aunt, who had been to art school, and her mother encouraged her to paint and draw. Education at the hands of local ladies was meagre but often fun, and a boarding convent school came as far as best. She was not, she points out, aiming for any interaction of that sort in the recently unveiled wall decoration for some corridors of the Royal Liverpool Hospital, but rather for an effect of brilliance and well-being.

But she was allowed to concentrate on art, and progressed rapidly with the guidance of the art master, Colin Hayes, now at the Royal College of Art and a Royal Academician; and did very well thereafter at the Goldsmiths School of Art thanks to a fine drawing teacher, Sam Rabia, if less well subsequently in the freer atmosphere of

the Royal College of Art. Only when she later met the painter Maurice de Sausmarez were her eyes properly opened, via the work of Seurat, to a surer handling of colour, hilberto her main weakness.

"I had ten years in the wilderness, lost confidence, fell into despair, all those things." She taught teenagers in a convent school, she taught at night schools and at Wandsworth Prison.

"Working with children I discovered that, the greater the limitations, the more inventive the results. I would say: use rods only, and cover the area so that the rods touch each other. You would be amazed at the variety of the results."

Then came two stretches as the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, which was good for her confidence; she learnt that one had to work through problems, and that she could work to order.

Only around 1960 did she find her way towards her distinctive style. "I started to paint movement in sequences, the principle of which was a regular

structure disturbed, and I saw these explosive visual energies emerging on the paper. That gave me the cue, and on that principle I worked for a long time." She might take a regular pattern of black circles on a white background, then gradually change them into ovals and their colour to a whitish grey. "One of the assumptions is that I have studied optics, and am a friend of mathematician. It's quite wrong. It's all done empirically."

There is still much trial and error as she and her two assistants work at huge tables in the three studios in her house on preliminary studies for the final paintings, seeking to produce those interactions and to disengage the possibilities of colour. Of one thing she is convinced: "Abstract painting is in its infancy, and what I am doing is simply beginning to draw on the inherent possibilities of colour. What Sienna painting was to the art of the High Renaissance, current abstract painting is to future developments. There will be great abstract colour painting in the future."

## Promenade Concerts

## Each for himself

Bream Consort  
St Luke's, Chelsea/  
Radio 3

This was a period piece, in more ways than one.

James Savage's splendid church of St Luke, Chelsea, where John Goss and John Ireland were organists, is a welcome addition to Prom venues: it accommodates 900 people, though with evidently poor sightlines from the galleries, and has a fine nave 50 feet high (when it was built, in the 1920s, it was the first high stone-vaulted church to be attempted since the Reformation). The simple resonance of the church, however, would make it more suitable for a Prom of choral music – *Tallis and Schutz* in 1937 – than it was for the busy detail of the concert music performed by Julius Bream and friends.

No one has done more to alert us to the splendours of Elizabethan music than Bream, and years ago he gave pioneering performances of Thomas Morley's famous collection of *Lassus*. More recently he decided to re-form his own Consort, and it has made several tours.

But the principle on which it operates is still that of a couple of decades ago: brilliant, animated performances by Bream himself in the centre of the ensemble, scampering away like some seventeenth-century Giuliano with the written-out divisions of Morley's arrangements, surrounded by sober, straight-faced accompaniments from the rest of the group.

Bream does encourage his collaborators to blossom – there were some nicely-turned exchanges with the treble viol of Catherine MacIntosh in "Grimstock", and the whole ensemble

acquired a crisp rhythmic life in the "Monsieur's Alman" (a setting attributed to Byrd); but on the whole there is no improvisatory spirit perceptible here: phrasing is dull, articulation routine, and it is Bream's show.

So it was solo virtuosity that made the strongest impression: Bream's own multi-coloured "Alison's Rower", James Tyler's knock-up in Holborne's setting of "As I went to Walsingham" and at the end – not a moment too soon – the diversely melodic rendering of three Morley songs (with a fourth added for an encore) by Robert Tarr. There was little here which acknowledged the strides forward made in the three decades since Bream's early work; but, more worryingly, there was little that gave an impression of sparkling, animated musical interplay – I heard far more of that in *Jazz in Britain* in the car on my way home.

Nicholas Kenyon

RPO/Groves  
Albert Hall/Radio 3

No orchestra can be envied the task of playing a note of Sibelius so soon after the CBSO's provocative and regenerating South Bank cycle under Simon Rattle. But advance programming is merciless, and the Royal Philharmonic with Sir Charles Groves were put to the test in Sibelius's Fourth Symphony at Monday night's Prom.

It was a rendering which seemed to be being heard from somewhere behind Sibelius's shoulder, rather than by ears already quickened by the harmonic and structural disruption of the century it was reaching out to. With its gently shaped contours, its sense of almost affectionate resignation rather than bleakness, it became more a corporate validation than an isolated quest.

At least, it would be nice to think that was the idea, rather than that, through lack of the score's being anything like deep enough under the skin, the players were simply prevented from reaching its stark, uncompromising heart. For too often, even in its own vision seemed curiously ill-defined: legato was too often fussy where it should be tense, climaxes were laboriously rather than inexorably approached, entries and ensemble were blurred.

Earlier in the evening, Alfred Brendel had been the soloist in the equally enigmatic, constantly perplexing Fourth Piano Concerto of Beethoven. For Brendel on Monday it seemed a fountain of ideas and impulses. The more rarely played second cadenza, less brooding in its insistence, more brittle and harmonically abrasive, was used in the first movement; and it seemed to emphasize the mercurial, almost teasing character of the reading as a whole. Even the slow movement, glassy, still and wide-eyed, could have been a *trompe-l'oeil* – and too often one could have wished that the orchestra, with its reluctant and lack-lustre repartee, had been just that.

Hilary Finch

The guitarist John Williams is to be artistic director of South Bank Summer Music 1984. He succeeds Simon Rattle, and is the seventh to hold the post since its inception in 1968.



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## Theatre in Edinburgh

Women in Power  
Music Hall

lady herself that made its own points about her femininity. Underneath all that, however, a predictable mixture of snappy utopianism with rallying cries to revolution is still there and it is the show's dominant impression. Thainos' *Micromegas*' score often drops cliché Greekness in favour of routine rock-musical numbers ("dramatised by the deafening percussions crashes that regularly had Aristophanes' heroes rushing for the chamber pot, or a couple of rousing militiam ensembles").

Praeger's herself (Carol Kidd) crosses her opening solo immediately into a mice, then yields her central role to the curiously-named Kleonike; in her handbag moustache Elizabeth MacLennan makes a Fauncho Villa of Athenian feminism, behind whose cardboard persona the sensitivity and honesty of her performance as the skivvy wife in *Men Should Wear* keep breaking through.

After an hour or so as a boring husband revealingly grumbling that women have no tradition of responsibility, Kenneth Bryson earns his bit of fun as a neat transformation of Aristophanes' sausages vendor into a Social Democrat with Roy Jenkins's Ed, peddling a stall full of adulterated tripe that included Karl Hardie's guts. And, as a ladies' man who suddenly finds himself washing napkins, Jimmy Chisholm presses his feminine wiles into service as "our extremely powerful and sprightly Prime Minister" in the sort of portrait mask whose effectiveness has not diminished over 25 centuries.

## Anthony Masters

## Music outside London

## Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra

## Christ Church, Oxford

When the English Bach Festival slipped away from Oxford a few years ago to seek pastures new in Europe, it left a gap in the professional musical life of the city (as distinct from its always flourishing amateur activities). "Music at Oxford", a series of 21 concerts which ended at the weekend, is hardly a parallel undertaking, for it uses only one venue, Christ Church Cathedral, and has in its first season been confined to the summer, our-term months.

But its programmes, unashamedly grannish, have been splendid, and, to judge from the packed cathedral on Sunday, it certainly fills a need: it was oddly appropriate that this final concert should have presented the new Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under Ton Koopman, at the end of a British tour, which has not included London, for it was back in 1975 that Koopman's earlier group, Musica Antiqua Amsterdam, appeared at the Bach Festival at Oxford with Philippe Herreweghe's Collegium Vocale of Ghent in a pair of unforgettable concerts.

Koopman's new ensemble is not just Dutch: like its rival, Frans Brüggen's Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century (which visits Edinburgh next week), its membership is international, and the string section, led by Monica Huggert, is almost entirely English. Thus the famed skills of continental wind players are matched with the facility which continental colleagues envy us – of our string players. The results

in the Fourth Brandenburg were scintillating: Koopman pushed the music along with his whipped first-beat accents, but Huggert swept the phrases of the virtuosic first violin part – so often fired as if from a machine-gun – into convincing gestures, with pauses, rubati, light and shade. Meanwhile the two recorder players chirped lightly and brightly and the string ripen lifted their bows so as to give the finale's fugal theme, for example, a sense of graceful dance which was anything but rutless.

This combination of heady impetus and deftness of attack also distinguished Bach's First Suite: I remember the impact of Ku Ebbing's baroque oboe playing back in 1975, and this has only matured its richness of tone and poise of phrasing. A pity he did not play Telemann's Oboe d'Amore Concerto as originally advertised: Michel Koopman's account was cloudy. Bach's A major for harpsichord, was practically inaudible from where I sat the concert was given in the cathedral crossing, surrounded by audience on four sides. It was left to a couple of spirited numbers from Teleman's *Tafelmusik* to display the real exhilaration of well-tuned, cohesive playing on period instruments.

Nicholas Kenyon



Newley's Chaplin with the uncannily accurate Stan Laurel of Jim MacGeorge

recognized superstar. He set the pattern for all the other Hollywood Greats – even to commanding personal scandal with creative achievement. What sustains *Chaplin* the musical is the fascination of its central subject and the fidelity with which history is told. What saps its energies is the aforementioned lustreless score, an uncertainty as to what kind of musical idiom is best suited to make its points and a fatal permissiveness towards letting "real life" dictate the curve of the dramatic structure.

The musical form thrives on diversions and digressions rather than stolid chronological progression. Show-stoppers are almost always arbitrary items that simply glory in song and dance no matter what their pertinence to the main design – as, for instance, in Gilbert and Sullivan. That happens once or twice during the show, but never sufficiently strongly to break the dogged continuity.

Chaplin's greatest invention was probably the twentieth-century idea of celebrity. Before him, no one was an internationally-

invited inevitable comparisons – and, no matter what faults we may find with Chaplin's cinematic persona, he was a consummate artist and one of the most dominant influences of his time. For a supernumerary pop-singer with no apparent gift for visual comedy to try to essay Chaplin's comic genius is biting off not only more than he can chew but even more than he can comfortably wedge into his mouth.

Despite the recesses in its foundation, almost all of the show's topography, in a beautifully coordinated production by Michael Smuin, is visually compelling and, although brilliant sets, costumes and lighting cannot make a show, they go a long way towards making this one consistently watchable in a marginal kind of way. But as for recreating the artistry of Chaplin and the complexity of the man, it is a little like trying to focus on a subject using a kaleidoscope rather than a telescope.

Charles Marowitz

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### Red scare

Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West and chairman of the GLC arts committee, has written to ask Cecil Parkinson, as chairman of the Conservative Party, to protect Ken Livingstone from physical violence. What excites Banks's concern is a remark attributed to Sir William Gibson Clark, the Tories' finance chairman, that if Livingstone succeeds in getting a stand at this year's Conservative Party conference "it would need police protection from some right-wing Tories". This, Banks claims, is an incitement to violence. "Imagine the headlines had a Labour Party representative made such a statement about Labour conference delegates", he says, reasonably enough. Livingstone is determined to organize a GLC stand while the Conservatives are in Blackpool, if not in the conference hall then in an adjacent hotel, whether or not Parkinson sends a reassuring reply.

### Stay cool

Sir Roy Strong must be glad the heat is off. At the very time that his attack on London theatres was launched in these pages – "human bodies cooped up together in an un-airconditioned space" – visitors to his own new Henry Cole wing at the V & A were repeatedly getting stuck in the un-airconditioned lift, an hour at a time in barely endurable temperatures, the only firm that could rescue them having to be called from Clapham. The pot may get away with calling the kettle black, but should avoid calling it hot.

• Sir Philip Goodhart's letter to The Times yesterday asked the most appropriate precious metal, mineral or gem to give his wife for their forthcoming 33rd wedding anniversary. Anxious to help, I looked up atomic number 33 in the periodic table of elements. It is arsenic.

### New view

Somali television burst upon an avid world at the weekend with its first test transmissions. The fledgeling service is a multinational effort, with Kuwaitis building the transmission station, Italians setting up the national network and Egyptians training personnel. Iraqis were to be involved, but in the event were too busy killing Iranians.

BARRY FANTONI



"Perhaps he should apply for Peter Parker's job"

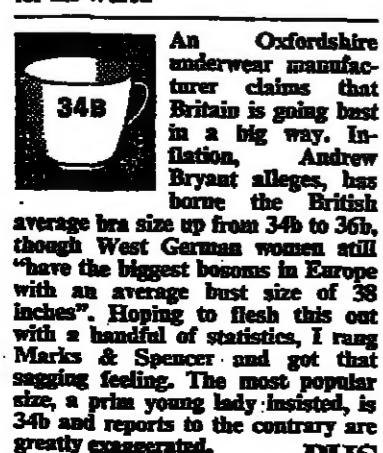
### Good in part

The most singular show in the Edinburgh Fringe is a one-man performance by the Icelandic actor Vidar Egg. Egg insists that he only plays before an audience of one. He "seeks to explore the actor-audience relationship" and can give his full attention to only one audience at a time. All his performances have been sell-outs and the price of tickets, yesterday £5, increases by £1 a day. My PHSpY has not seen the show, because no review tickets are available. I do not think this has anything to do with the fact that on Circuit 33, a fairground beneath the Usher Hall, one of Egg's neighbours is a company called Omlette.

• Dick Turpin has just been appointed assistant manager of the National Westminster Bank's Lothbury branch. His extra-curricular activities, according to a notice sent to customers, stop at cricket, squash, golf, fishing and motor maintenance.

### Gullstones

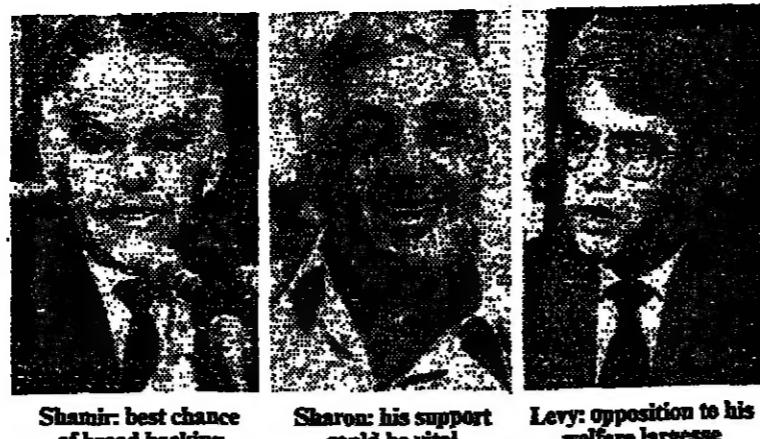
Happily for the PHSausage joke contest, only fragments remain of *The Sausage*, a comedy written by the Greek dramatist Epicharmus about 500 BC. Otherwise age would not have deterred readers from sending me the whole text. I have doubts about the freshness of most of the offerings as it is. A. A. Smale, for example, admits that his "treatments in battle-dress" dates back to 1776/14, 1942. I award a sausage clock prize to Ian Wilkes for his, which is bad enough to be original. A German butcher's motto was to leave no tern unstoned, because he specialized in seabird sausages. Every morning he went to the beach to throw stones at the birds, and whenever he hit one would shout: "There's another for the Wurst!"



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# Who will succeed the King?



Shamir: best chance      Sharon: his support could be vital      Levy: opposition to his welfare largesse

**Jerusalem**  
When Menachem Begin confessed that he had heard nothing about the Beirut massacre last September until tuning in to the BBC 48 hours after it began, it should have been clear that something was seriously amiss either with his will or ability to govern.

But in the ensuing months, despite his growing mood of introverted despondency following the tragic death of his wife, the message somehow failed to sink into Israel's national psyche. As a result, this week's undignified and agonizing drawn-out resignation has come as a profound political shock.

As the first news began to travel from table to table in the cafes of Jerusalem's main shopping mall, the customers looked stunned with disbelief. "We must tell him not to go. He is our father. We cannot live without him," shouted one man.

Later, hundreds of distraught people gathered outside his official residence chanting "Begin, King of Israel". Although accepting that their efforts would be in vain, they seemed unable to think how else to react.

The main cause of the intensity of the personal reaction – just as strong among those delighted by the departure of Israel's most hawkish prime minister – is the effortless fashion in which Mr Begin has suddenly dominated the political stage since coming to power in 1977.

Even during his recent decline, he has stood head and shoulders not only above those in his party, but also above any politician whom the main Labour opposition has been able to put up – especially its leader, the distinctly uncharismatic Shimon Peres, shown in the latest opinion poll to be supported as Labour's candidate for prime minister by a derisory 6 per cent of the population.

It is precisely because of Mr Begin's domination of the ruling Likud coalition and his reluctance to designate an heir apparent to lead his own right-wing Herut party that his sudden departure will pose such problems for the government.

As the *Jerusalem Post* put it bluntly, "It will be the test of whether the Likud does have life after Menachem Begin, or whether it is simply a function of his political will".

According to a poll earlier this month, Mr Begin was preferred as Likud prime minister by 42.1 per cent of the public compared with only 8.7 per cent for the runner-up, the former Defence Minister, Ezer Weizman, who has been in self-imposed political exile at his villa in Caesarea since leaving the Cabinet in 1980. Behind him was Moshe Arens, the new Defence Minister and articulate former ambassador to Washington, with 4.8 per cent, and then David Levy, the able, Sephardic Deputy Prime Minister, who scored 3.1 per cent.

Yitzhak Shamir, now tipped as Mr Begin's likely successor, is still recovering from the near-fatal to the exclusion of the broader picture is to risk analogy with the pietistic provincialism which is the hallmark of the left.

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Hongkong symbolizes much that is best in the British colonial record (once we draw a veil over how we came by it). Theoretically, part of it is ours in perpetuity, though again the substance intrudes, China being a fairly substantial sort of place. We have clear responsibilities towards Hongkong. I lived there for two years and admire the people as much as anyone. But it would be dangerously Quixotic to inflate our obligations beyond our ultimate ability to guarantee in practice the welfare of its inhabitants.

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Hongkong will eat deeply into our diplomatic reserves. The Falklands will swallow another big slice, not to mention the troops and the cash. What more can usefully be said at this stage? It is always worth recalling that it was Mrs Thatcher herself who had the courage to put lease-back to the House of Commons in 1980. It was right to do so; it was right to fight; and it is right to sit tight now – which does not preclude some sober reflection on the long-term costs and on possible solutions. Meanwhile, beyond the Falklands, looms a whole continent with all its agonies and opportunities.

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political blow dealt by the inquiry commission into the Beirut massacre. This has left him relegated to the sidelines as Minister without Portfolio, but his street following could make him an important kingmaker.

This would leave Mr Shamir and Mr Levy – at the age of 45, the darling of the underprivileged Sephardi community and the father of 11 children – to fight it out. Although Mr Levy has far greater grassroots support, it was argued yesterday that he could face vigorous opposition from the Liberal Party, the second largest group in the Knesset because of his support for free-spending social and welfare policies. Apart from sharing a similar hawkish approach to future Israeli control of the occupied West Bank, Mr Shamir and Mr Levy both held early jobs as building labourers and both are reported to have gone to the same language tutor to brush up their English.

The succession battle is expected to be tough and quite unlike the gentlemanly struggle behind closed doors while Mr Begin was still in power. On the troubled economic front, where inflation is now running at 130 per cent, Mr Begin's eventual successor will face a supreme test of his political skills, as he will in resolving the future of the costly involvement in Lebanon.

Although the future is uncertain, on the key question of Israel's dominance over the 2,200 square miles of the occupied West Bank, it appeared that Mr Begin was close to securing the grandiose wish which he declared two years ago when asked how he would like to be remembered by history. "As the man who set the borders of Eretz Israel (the Biblical land of Israel) for all eternity," he replied.

Christopher Walker

## If the sun has to set, don't stand in the way

*Our Island Story – a History of Britain for Boys and Girls and Our Empire Story are nice, big fat books well written, in good print and full of humane patriotism. Though first published at the turn of the century, they are still used to introduce children to history, certainly in my family.*

*The author, H. E. Marshall, refers to Britain in a précis as "the little island in the West". Such ironic understatement relies on centuries of success and security for its effect. The last thing we have ever been is a little island. True, today some would like to cut down to size, and edge us eastwards (into the Baltic), sans Europe, sans defence, sans Nato, sans pretty well everything. The electorate has given its verdict on the isolationist option. But insular thinking takes many forms and is not confined to the left.*

*The last edition of *Our Island Story* finishes after the Second World War, before decolonization. Mercifully, the penitential breast-beating is at last subsiding.*

*But it is too soon for serenity, both historically and because we still have three major problems – three islands, as it happens – to deal with the Falklands, Hongkong, and (stretching the point to a peninsula), Gibraltar.*

*Having disposed of continents, it would be a pity to stumble over these smaller entities and to finish the course bruised, dusty and disheartened. It is vital to take a non-insular view of the last islands of empire. And that means applying abroad the same burning sense of pride as anyone. But it would be dangerously Quixotic to inflate our obligations beyond our ultimate ability to guarantee in practice the welfare of its inhabitants.*

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## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

August 30: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this evening at a Gala performance given by New York City Ballet at Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Michael Wigley were in attendance.

Princess Anne will visit Northampton on November 3. Princess Anne, president of the Save the Children Fund, will be present at a luncheon given by the Road Haulage Association at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on November 4.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Alan Hooper, Director of the Royal Academy of Dancing, will be held at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden on Tuesday, September 6, 1983, at noon. Tickets are not required.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. A. Brett and Miss P. M. Savage

The engagement is announced between Godfrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Blott, of West Chiltington, West Sussex, and Patricia, daughter of the late Mr F. Savage and Mrs T. Savage, of Blackpool, Lancashire. The marriage will take place in Hong Kong later in the year.

Mr N. E. Braithwaite and Miss C. J. Essenhuij

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr Douglas Braithwaite, of Haughton Castle, Humshaugh, Northumberland, and the late Mrs Braithwaite, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Essenhuij, of Brinton House, Wall, Northumberland.

Mr J. W. Furness and Miss G. F. Booth

The engagement is announced between John Wilson, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Furness, Kirby Knowle, Thirsk, North Yorkshire, and Grania Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr John Booth, Darver Castle, Dundalk, co Louth, and of Mrs Thomas Long, Martinstown House, The Curragh, co Kildare.

#### Marriage

Mr S. D. Jacka and Miss V. Mackworth-Praed

The marriage took place on August 20, 1983, at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, of Mr Saul Dominic Jacka and Miss Vanessa Mackworth-Praed.

#### Archaeology

## Adjusting dates of early metal working

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Recent work in Vietnam and Thailand suggests that there was, after all, no precociously early development of metal-working in the region. Excavations in the 1960s and 1970s at two sites in northern Thailand have suggested that bronze metallurgy had begun soon after 3000 BC and iron working between 1600 and 1000 BC, in each case a thousand years earlier than the same processes in metropolitan China to the north.

While the two sites, Non Nok Tha and Ban Chiang, were the only ones in South-east Asia with radiocarbon dates for this period, there seemed on reason to deny the emergence of a new technology at a surprisingly early date in the region, although the social matrix within which it seemed to have occurred, the simple farming village, was unexpected.

New radiocarbon dates from several other sites in the region indicate that South-east Asia in fact acquired metal-working technology after it had already developed in China, although the early dates for bronze smelting there, around 2700 BC in the western province of Gansu, confirm that independent discovery of metallurgy did occur in eastern Asia as well as in the Near East and in Europe.

Excavations at Ban Nedi, near Ban Chiang in the Korat Plateau area of northern Thailand, have yielded radiocarbon dates that put the initial occupation between 1500 and 1000 BC, with the use of iron appearing between 400 and 100 BC.

At Ban Chiang Hian, a large mounted settlement in the Chi Valley, bronze is present before 1000 BC and iron appears between 600 and 300 BC. At a third site, Non Choi, the much later initial occupation has iron working between 300 BC and AD 200.

The pottery from Non Choi matches that from the later levels at Ban Nedi, which in its lower levels has clear links with Ban Chiang. Thus, the very early dates from Ban Chiang have been brought forward in time by a millennium or so.

#### Science report

## Otters return to an English river

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A harness carrying a radio transmitter worn by a male otter, one of three animals released at a secret location in East Anglia in July, has been recovered according to plan by scientists of the Otter Trust and the Nature Conservancy Council.

For the past seven weeks the transmitter has enabled the movements of the otters to be monitored night and day. All three animals have been seen from time to time; the other two are female.

They were reared together, and between them they have established a territory of more than six miles of river adjacent to the pen where they were released, and many miles more downstream.

The purpose of monitoring the otters was to establish what they needed to make a suitable habitat. Now that has been determined, three more young otters will be introduced into the

## Television's religious enlightenment

To understand the significance of the fuss concerning religious television broadcasting, the record needs setting straight. Only then is it possible to distinguish between the apparent issue of denunciation and the real issue of public discourse.

For the record then, the Central Religious Advisory Committee (CRAC), which serves the BBC and IBA, under its then chairman Dr Runcie in 1975 wrote evidence for the Annan Commission. Recognizing that the longstanding religious "closed period" between 6.15pm and 7.25am was an obvious target for any reformist commission on broadcasting, CRAC advocated some change. This would leave BBC1's and BBC2's popular religious music programmes back-to-back from 6.40pm to 7.15pm, but allow the serious material to "float free". So, leaving aside the handling of the matter, the early afternoon slot is not in itself derogatory, and at least ITV's regular religious output is no longer uncomfortably bunched.

Against that background we can consider the real issue, which is the danger of religious television programmes changing their quality and becoming detached from the run of the output. It is a danger looming from the United States, where commercial religious television is enjoying a heretic success isolated from everyday life. Direct broadcast satellite and cable could easily bring such material to our screens, and already there are simple-minded Christians (and some with the entrepreneurial wisdom of serpents) hanging on our television's doors.

Examples need giving. The enterprising Charles Cordle, whose energy I admire, a few years ago founded the Trinity Trust, with wide Christian

support, and its offshoot Lella Productions. He saw the opportunity that the coming of Channel 4 signalled, and was keen to provide a strand of good, clean family programmes, including evangelical material of a sort unfamiliar to British viewers. A similarly motivated group was at the heart of one of the consortia that made an impressive but unsuccessful bid for one of the current ITV franchises.

More modestly, a group led by a north-country Christian solicitor, with financial support from Praise the Lord Inc, have made pilot chat shows which they have sought in vain to have broadcast.

An American evangelist, having pitched tent in Scotland, wrote to the IBA to find how to buy time on its stations. A patient reply explained that this was against the law: "there shall be no advertising by or on behalf of any political or religious body, or for political or religious ends." The Act governing Independent Broadcasting has been saying since 1954. The evangelist's response was dipped inatory vitriol.

It is tempting to ignore these developments, and assume that religious broadcasting in the United Kingdom can go on indefinitely under the present benevolent arrangements, as it does, for instance, so impressively on BBC network radio.

Times change, however, and television channels multiply. Through the Hunt committee last October recommended against allowing religious ownership of cable stations, under the modest

## OBITUARY

### SIR DENNIS PROCTOR

#### Distinguished civil servant

Sir Dennis Proctor, KCB, who died yesterday at the age of 77, was a distinguished civil servant whose career was in two parts; the substantial part of his working life was spent at the Treasury where he served from 1930 to 1950; then, after intercalating three years in business, he returned to the civil service where he served successively as Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation from 1953 to 1958 and Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Power from 1958 to

1965.

Philip Dennis Proctor was born

on September 1 1903, the son of

Sir Philip Proctor KBE.

He was educated at Harrow,

where he played cricket for the school, and at King's College Cambridge, of which he was made an honorary fellow in 1968. His college and his membership of the Apostles deeply influenced him and gave him life-long friends.

He also served for some time

on committees relating to the arts set up by the Gulbenkian Foundation, and on the governing committee of the Coalfield Institute.

After his retirement he found much to occupy his ever-active mind. His second home was in the Vaughan, his interest in the region, together with a classical education which he had never neglected, led to the appearance in 1971 of *Hamblin's March in History*, an able and original book on Hamblin's route through Gaul and over the Alps.

In 1980 he published *The Experience of Thucydides*, the fruit of a life-long study of the historian. From Thucydides he turned to two other interests, on both of which he hoped to publish something astronomy, where he believed that there was room for a book on the Galaxy by a non-astronomer for his fellow; and *Mme de Gouray's "File par alliance"* of Montaigne, and the fate of her library. But he did not live to finish either project.

A labour of love which did see the light of day, however, was his editing of *The Autobiography of G. Lowes Dickinson*, the Cambridge don whom he had known in his own days at King's. This task had originally been left by Lowes Dickinson to E. M. Forster, but the novelist who had already produced his own biography of the subject passed it on to Proctor who published it with a sensitive introduction in 1973.

Proctor was appointed CB in

1946 and created KCB in 1959.

He was twice married, first in

1926 to Dorothy Varda who died

in 1951, and secondly in 1953 to Barbara, daughter of General Sir

Ronald Adam, St. They had two sons and one daughter.

### M.R.L. MISSEN

Mr Leslie Robert Misson, CMG, MC, who died on August 27 at the age of 86 had a career in local government education, during which time he was also education adviser to various government ministries.

He had served in the First World War with the 7th Battalion N Staffs Regiment in Mesopotamia, Persia and the Caucasus gaining his MC, afterwards going into local government education where he had senior posts at Leeds, Middlesbrough and Wigan before joining East Suffolk County Council where he was Chief Education Officer from 1936 to 1962.

During this time he was Educational Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture from 1944 to 1954; to the Ministry of Education from 1950 to 1957; to the Colonial Secretary from 1952 to 1955; and to the Royal Navy from 1958 to 1964. He was also a member of the Local Government

#### Latest wills

Una Maud Maynard, of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, left estate valued at £492,954 net. After bequests totalling £37,000, she left the residue equally between the Church Army, St Luke's Nursing Home for the elderly, and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Liverpool.

Sir John Arthur Edwards, CBE, who died on August 25 at the age of 82, was president of the London Rent Assessment Panel from 1962 to 1973, having been vice-president from 1965 to 1968.

Lady Baker, who died on August 23 after a long illness, was the wife of the Rt Hon Sir George Baker, OBE, former President of the Family Division of the High Court of Justice. She was the former Jessie McCall Findlay.

Sir Robert Barlow-Chadwick, Bt, died on August 28 at the age of 72.

Green, Mr Stephen Bernard Rylands, of Lyddington, Leicestershire £201,368

Greville, Mrs Frances Grace, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire £216,998

Beword, Mrs Janet Rymer, of Winchester, Hampshire £240,285

Leamie, Major-General Sir John Smith, of Garsdale Cross, Rockinghamshire, Colonial Seaforth Highlanders, Glasgow £267,677

Madd, Mr Derek Percival of Guisborough, Cleveland £296,435

Preedy, Mr George Martin, of Wherstead, Norfolk £208,639

Smith, Miss Anna of Colton, co. Louth, estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland £277,475

Wall, Mr Michael of Connel, co. Tipperary, farmer, estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland £274,112

Glencairn, Mrs Annies, of Covenanter, Kent £318,576

Glencairn, Mrs Kathleen, of Ormesby, Kent £221,118

Other estates include (not begun tax paid):

Bevere, Mr Frederick Eardley Yerburgh, of Watlingtonbury, Kent company director £355,556

Cranglaine, Mr Hugh Woodville Carson, of Conway, Gwynedd stockbroker £353,764

Frear, Mr Roland James of Abbot's Sennet, Jersey £274,112

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 FT All Shares 454.52 down 2.78  
 Bargains: 17,067  
 Datastream US Leaders Index: 100.53 up 0.05  
 New York Dow Jones Averages: 1196.65 up 2.54  
 Tokyo Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,195.92 up 23.38  
 Hongkong Hang Seng Index 971.08 down 10.72  
 Amsterdam: 147.7 down 0.2  
 Sydney: ASX Index 895.2 down 0.3  
 Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 914.30 down 1.60  
 Brussels: General Index 132.69 down 0.40  
 Paris: CAC Index 135.9 down 0.7  
 Zurich: SKA General Index 283.3 up 2.5

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**ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV**  
 Average reference rate for interest period July 6 to August 2, 1983 inclusive: 9.869 per cent.

**GOLD**

**London fixed (per ounce):**  
 am \$418.85 pm \$418.10  
 close \$417.50  
**New York (Intrastat):** \$416.10  
 Krugerrand\* (per coin):  
 \$430.50-\$432.00 (\$287.50-288.50)  
 Sovereigns\* (new):  
 \$58.25-39 (\$265.25-66)  
 \*Excludes VAT

**TODAY**

**INTERIM:** Arbutnott Government Securities Trust, Babcock International, I. J. Dewhurst, Guardian Royal Exchange, William Jacks, Johnson Matthey (Quarterly), Nu-Swift Industries, Owners Abroad Group, Thomas Robins, G. W. Sparrow & Sons.  
**FINALS:** Associated Dairies Group, East of Scotland On-shore.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS**

**Cliff Oil**, 58 St James's Street, SW1 (10.30); The Fleming Technology Investment Trust, P&O Building (2nd floor); **Forsman Burnwood Brewery**, The Brewery, Burnwood, Nr. Warrington, Cheshire (11.00); Great Portland Estates, Brown's Hotel, Dover Street, W1 (3.00).

**NOTEBOOK**

Half time profits of £16.1 from the Ladbrokes Group, the betting shops to hotels company, disappointed the market which had hoped for better. Profits were up by 20 per cent on the previous period, and reflect higher occupancy in the hotels and stronger margins on the betting side. The interim dividend has been increased by 10 per cent to 4.07p. CRA, the Australian mining group which is 53 per cent owned by Rio Tinto-Zinc, made interim net profits of £522m (£12m) against a loss of £32.2 for the same period of last year. A dividend of 3 cents has been declared. Sales, which for the first time included Omanco as a subsidiary, rose from £590.3m to £51,530m, and earnings per share were 5.1 cents instead of a loss of 6.7 cents. The company says that demand and prices for most minerals were higher in the first half and that the trend is continuing. Most of the subsidiaries and associates increased their contributions.

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**Markets expect M1 to slip further from Fed's target range**

# Dollar marches on as fears grow of US money supply bulge

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The dollar surged ahead on currency markets yesterday as dealers indulged their obsession with United States money supply.

Disappointment over the mere \$20m fall in M1 announced last Friday soon gave way to concern about the expected bulge in monetary growth in the weeks ahead, which it is believed will push M1 further outside the Federal Reserve's target range.

However, by late afternoon the dollar was running out of steam. Having touched DM2.6885 in London and begun to weaken in New York markets after the Fed injected reserves into the system with \$1.5bn of "customer repurchases".

Dealers interpreted the Fed action as a move to stabilize United States interest rates. Last week it drained reserves with forward purchases suggesting that the dollar will begin to weaken is the burgeoning US trade deficit. On Monday the dollar suffered a temporary setback, while London

But yesterday Fed funds had moved up from the 9% per cent of Monday to about 9.2% per cent which dealers believe is as high as the Fed would like.

Sterling was dragged up by the dollar, yesterday rising nearly 2½ pence to £1.12.13. It eased slightly against the dollar to \$1.499 - down 25 points - but its trade-weighted value rose 0.4 to 85.2.

Although there is still reluctance to sell dollars, there are signs of growing disenchantment in the markets with the strength of the US currency. "There are many more people willing to sell the dollar, if they were convinced others would do the same," one dealer said yesterday.

One argument frequently put forward suggesting that the dollar will begin to weaken is the burgeoning US trade deficit. On Monday the dollar suffered a temporary setback, while London

markets were closed for the Bank Holiday, after US trade figures were announced. But the reaction was short-lived and attention soon returned to money supply.

Dealers believe that the Federal Reserve is pursuing a neutral policy towards monetary growth.

However, there are worries that

M1 figures due on Friday could show a rise in money supply of \$500m to \$1bn and a further large increase is expected the following week.

In recent weeks M1 has come closer in line with the target range but figures over the next fortnight could push it well outside the long-end of the market.

range once again. There is concern in the markets that this would once again push up United States interest rates.

Reaction to the overnight fall in United States bond prices, gilt-edged stocks closed yesterday with losses of up to 1%, at the long-end of the market.

present Chancellor, made a striking about-face at the last London conference of Opec, coming out in favour of stable markets rather than smashing the Opec cartel when it was groggy.

**City Editor's Comment**

## Slippery slope to oil agreement

Stability in currency and commodity markets is something always generally agreed as a good idea. But it is much harder to get great nations to agree on the compromises of their self-interest necessary to secure practical deals.

The results are there for all to see, not just on the foreign exchanges but also in the deceptively sharp rises in the dollar prices of most commodities this year. Individually, these are not enough to worry economic managers.

Collectively, they threaten most economies of the world with an upsetting source of inflation. After all, weak commodity prices have helped cut inflation, as well as bankrupting developing countries over the past three years.

Apart from the price of money, the price of oil is now the most important for the world economy. So there must be considerable interest if the French are taking serious steps to organize a meeting of oil producers and consumers to thrash out future prices.

There are two main obstacles to any such agreement. First, they do not work. Second, the state of the market seems always to one side's advantage, making it unsympathetic to what it sees as the other side trying to protect itself from market forces.

Yet there are now at least outside hopes for progress on an oil deal. Most commodity agreements fail because there is no effective export control agreement on the part of producers, because there is not enough money committed to stabilize market prices or because swing countries that are both producers and consumers or like the US have huge stockpiles, do not care to respond to market signals.

For once the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is now showing itself capable of efficiently organizing export quotas, though it remains to be seen how long this will last.

For one thing, his primary interests have been in micro rather than in macro economic problems. Could the OECD's traditional and now highly politically sensitive - preoccupation with macro-economic policy be due for demotion?

brokers FE Wright UK, a wholly-owned Lonrho subsidiary.

• Elys (Wimbledon) the stores group, has pushed attributable profits up to £10.6m for the six months ended July against £7.4m the year before. It will pay an unchanged 10% interim dividend on December 5.

• Singapore Airlines (SIA) has reported a 11.2% per cent rise in profit to \$14.7m (£14.9m) from its airline operations in the year ended March 31, although group profit fell 16 per cent to \$13.03m.

• Australia's 1983-84 wheat crop may be the second largest on record, according to estimates released by the government of agricultural economics forecasts a crop of 17.7 million metric tons, second only to the 18.1 million tons harvested in 1978-79.

## Britain reschedules loans of £400m

By John Lawrie

Britain has had to reschedule more than £400m in official debts owed by countries which have got into economic difficulties. The Export Credits Guarantee Department will announce shortly.

The rescheduling agreements have been negotiated in the last 11 years but five of them came in the ECGD's financial year ending in March.

The publication of the figure for the first time, although small when set against the commercial debts rescheduled by banks, will underline the growing problems faced by all state-run export insurance agencies.

The £400m relates to 16 agreements for longer repayment periods negotiated since 1972, some of which will already have been repaid. But the fact that five came into ECGD's last financial year, emphasizes the increase in cash-starved buyers of western goods.

What is more, another six countries are known to be awaiting the sort of various bilateral negotiations, having had

the publication of the figure for the red on its commercial account - but that it still has substantial reserves in its national interest.

## Dow up 3 points in moderate trading

New York (AP - Dow Jones)

Stocks held on part of their early gains, yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial average was up more than 3 points at the 1,197 level. It was up more than 3 in early trading.

The transportation average showed a rise of about 5 1/2 up 3 points.

Advancing issues were 7405 over declines. Trading continued although ahead of Monday's unusually slow pace.

International Business Machines was 118 3/4, off 1/4.

General Electric 49 3/8, up 1/2.

General Motors 68 3/8, up 1/4.

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Monsanto 106 3/4, off 1/4; Warner Lambert 27 3/4, up 5 1/2; Texas Instruments 114 1/2, unchanged; Caterpillar 38 7/8, off 1/2; International Paper 54 1/8, off 5 1/2; and Motoras 128 5/8, up 3 1/2.

Halliburton was off 7 1/2, at 43 5/8; Tymshare down 1 1/8, to 21 7/8; Times-Mirror up 1 1/4, to 77 1/2; Shimmons Precious up 2 1/4, to 53; Katz Industries off 7 1/2, at 21 7/8; Southern Pacific up 1 1/4, to 39 3/4; Digital Equipment up 2 3/8 to 98 1/2.

## Panel to study two more complaints about BPCC

By Andrew Corcoran

Fresh complaints about the tactics used by British Printing & Communication Corporation in its takeover fight with John Waddington were lodged with the Takeover Panel yesterday.

The Panel was given details of two more instances where callers of allegedly claiming to represent BPCC telephoned Waddington shareholders saying that BPCC had a higher percentage of bid acceptances than the true figure. This brings the total number of cases being investigated by the Panel to five.

Mr John High, director-general of the Panel, said that the Panel is still waiting for written evidence from the Waddington shareholders who claim to have been called by BPCC representatives in the last stages of the company's £18m takeover bid for Waddington.

BPCC has extended its takeover offer until a week today. Details of acceptances were unclear last night.

## KCA sale upsets meeting

By Wayne Lislett

Shareholders of KCA International, the oil exploration and services group, have expressed bitter disappointment over the price the company received from the management buy-out of its majority stake in the KCA Drilling subsidiary.

At yesterday's extraordinary general meeting to pass the sale, dissentient shareholders were quick to remind directors that they had recommended the purchase of Drilling shares at 95p when a 25 per cent minority was floated off two years ago. The parent company was not selling the remaining stock at 37p a share.

Mr Paul Bristol, chairman and chief executive, spoke in favour of the deal, but becoming angry, passed over board response to his merchant bankers and fellow directors.

It will reveal how it is heading for the red on its commercial account - but that it still has substantial reserves in its national interest.

The shareholders wondered why, if Drilling had such a good future and was going to be supported by the Chemical Bank, KCA needed to sell it at such a price and why it could not shelf the sale for later when perhaps it would be more profitable.

Contenders, claims made recently by Chemical Bank, Mr Bristol said that the Drilling subsidiary had been draining the group of cash and had starved the other divisions of working capital.

The Chemical Bank, whose idea it was to separate the two and which had promised Drilling substantial financial support, claimed KCA International was draining off funds generated by Drilling thus preventing its profitable expansion.

Mr Bristol claimed the time to do a deal was now and that anything could happen - "The drill rigs could get blown up" - to complicate it later. He also claimed that Drilling's cash needs were mainly required for group gearing rising to 130 per cent of shareholders' funds, which was "totally unacceptable", and that this deal reduced gearing to 10 per cent.

Controversy then moved on to a £5.7m loan note being the balance owed to KCA International for the management buy-out after a £15m cash payment. Mr Bristol argued the note was worthwhile for two reasons. It generated 9 per cent interest per annum and could be converted into 18 million Drilling shares - 23 per cent of Drilling equity - at anytime over the next seven years at 37 per cent or if the Drilling share price hit 75p for a week or more.

The shareholders who claim to have been called by BPCC representatives include Mrs Jane Whitley, a lawyer living in Yorkshire, and Mrs Ruth Bowes, wife of Mr Christopher Bowes, finance director at Waddington.

Representatives from Henry Antsheger, NPLC merchant bank adviser, and Kleinwort Benson, which is advising Waddington on the bid, have already given evidence to the Panel.

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The sale-by-pass those handled by the Aramco members, Exxon, Texaco, Mobil and Standard Oil, but not offered to any of the consortium existing outlets.

An Aramco spokesman said that the creation of the new company was directed against the consortium.

Open officials suggest that the setting up of Norbet was a result of Aramco cutting purchases of Saudi oil last winter when the Saudi state oil agency refused to take part in the discounting which was then taking place.

Oil industry analysts say the Saudi oil output was 10 per cent of Saudi output in 1982 and was "estimated" by a new company set up by Saudi intent to sell oil on the spot-market.

Previously, oil which was not sold to the US ARAMCO consortium was marketed through Petroleum, Saudi State oil company.

Now there is evidence that 10 per cent of Saudi output is appearing on the spot-market when Saudi output is running at 500,000 barrels a day above its OPEC agreed quota of 5 million.

A new company, Norbet, with its head office in Switzerland and sales representatives in London, Houston and Hong Kong, is selling Saudi crude directly to refineries.

between producers and consumers have always been so great that such a meeting has been rejected by governments particularly the US, which has kept OPEC at arms length.

The newsheets suggests that the differences are now so narrow that talks could start and a

## Japan trade surplus at record \$

# Forecasts cut as Ladbroke weighs in light

Ladbroke Group  
Half-year to 28.5.83  
Pre-tax profit £16.1m (£13.4m)  
Stated earnings 7.2p (7.4p)  
Turnover £371.5m (£353.4m)  
Net interim dividend 4.075p (3.7p)  
Share price 214p, down 11p. Yield 5.6%

charges rather than published tariffs probably still show discounts.

London hotels have benefited from more foreign tourists and a weaker pound, factors which have helped both occupancy and tariffs.

Lasky's - the electrical retailers has benefited greatly from Ladbroke's cash backing which has attracted back the big Japanese names which had previously abandoned the chain.

The property sector has seen a welcome improvement in the market climate, especially for the hard-hit British industrial property sector. In the US the Westchester development's third building has gone under offer, which means the development's first phase is fully let.

However, the acid test for Ladbroke's property business will come early next year when the prestige Savoy and Piccadilly developments in London go on the market.

Ladbroke remains the strongest leisure group but there is a price for everything and with a prospective PE of about 12 for the full year it is beginning to look expensive.

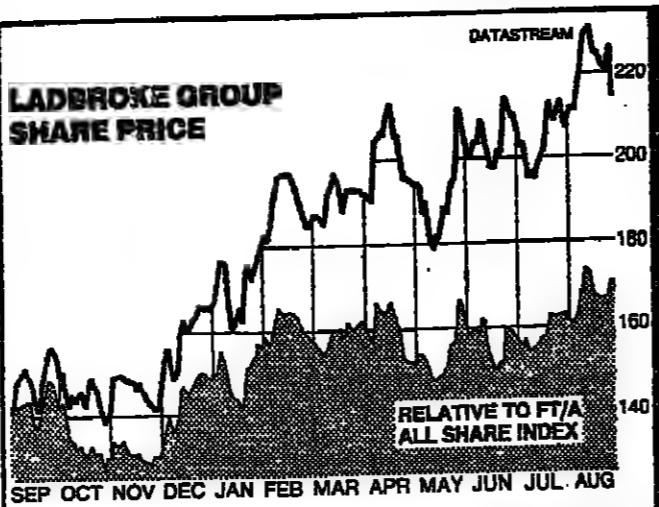
Margins have been firmed by hard going on the racecourses which tends to help the favourites and to lead to higher rates of withdrawals by outsiders. Moreover, market share has been growing. Ladbroke claims more than 17 per cent of the British market through its 1,250 shops. It also has hopes of persuading more US states to legalize off-course betting.

Ladbroke is claiming higher tariffs and higher occupancy rates for its hotels. This suggests an encouraging trend towards heavier business use among the provincial hotels though actual

Week Group  
Half-year to 1.7.83  
Pre-tax profit £2.2m (£2.6m)  
Stated earnings 0.5p (5p)  
Turnover £60.8m (£67.4m)  
Net interim dividend 0.375p (0.75p)  
Share price 30p down 4p. Yield 6.3%

Weir Group was put on a sounder financial footing by the rescue two-and-a-half years ago.

At half way, pre-tax profits were £1.4m lower at £2.2m. To come near maintaining last year's dividend under the twice-covered rule, the group must make pre-tax profits of £5.6m against



7.6m last time. But Weir says gloomily that the second half is expected to be similar to the first.

The profit is mainly in the associated companies where Pump Services Centres has dipped into the red because of the recession in the Middle East oil industry.

Weir Pumps is also making lower pre-tax profits because of the rationalization programme at Alloa, Clackmannshire, where 430 jobs are being lost. But for years they do not change by one iota the underlying problem.

CRA Half-year to 30.6.83  
Net Profit A\$22m (A\$29.2m loss)  
Stated earnings 5.1 cents (6.7 cents)  
Turnover A\$1.530m (A\$903m)  
Net interim dividend 3 cents  
Share price 345p Yield  
Dividend payable 3.11.83

path that leads from financial rescue.

The 4p fall in the share price to 30p demonstrates how rough will be the ride for the ordinary shareholders. If anything, the rating may be a little on the generous side.

are still resisting the upward trend in prices.

CRA has also had to grapple with high interest rates and a somewhat perverse currency policy. Some benefit has been derived from rates being lower than last year, although still fairly high in real terms, but the gain from the 10 per cent devaluation of the Australian dollar in March have largely been eroded by the subsequent renewed appreciation. Against that, the weaker Papua/New Guinea kina inflated receipts from Bougainville.

But when all is said and done, a company like CRA has to live with such difficulties, and what really matters is the demand outlook.

In common with other mining companies, CRA is highly geared to changes in demand, particularly if they come with price movements. It is promising, therefore, that sales in this half were A\$1.530m (£900m), compared with A\$903m or A\$1.270m if Comalco is included as a subsidiary, which it now is, rather than an associate.

Ironically, Comalco was one of the handful of subsidiaries and associates the others being Kembla Coal and Coke - which did not improve their results. So the final earnings per share figure would have been higher had it not been for the tax provision of A\$11.2m being A\$4.2m more than expected.

CRA should manage at least A\$50m for the year, and could do much better. Yet that would be less than 1.5 per cent of sales. There is still a long way to go before the giant's muscles are well used.

## WALL STREET

Sigmar Carlo De Benedetti has been appointed chairman of Olivetti, the Italian electronics and office equipment company which is to set a New York stock exchange listing next year.

He replaces Sigmar Bruno Visentini, who has resigned after his appointment as Finance Minister in the new Italian Government. Sigmar Visentini, at the head of Olivetti for 19 years, is also president of the small Republican party.

The board, meeting at Iverne near Turin, announced that during the first six months of this

year, turnover of the parent company rose by 13.6 per cent on a 12 month basis to £60.9m (€750mln), while that of the group rose by 11.7 per cent to £1.636m (€2024mln). New orders acquired by the group in the first half of this year increased by 9.5 per cent.

Sigmar De Benedetti, hitherto vice-chairman and chief executive, has announced in Britain and the United States that Olivetti will shortly launch an offshore-based venture capital fund, to which other European and foreign partners are being invited to subscribe.

Patricia

John Gutfreund

Allen Green

Alfred Stern

Alfredo Cossutta

Alberto Teardo

Ami Vitale





**Yachting: sport as it once was in the America's Cup**

# Victory turns a Nelsonian eye to defeat in contesting every wave

From David Miller, Newport, Rhode Island

There are only five factors which could give Victory '83 any real hope of defeating Australia II in the America's Cup final eliminations series, and none of them offer much scope for optimism. This was reaffirmed when the Royal Perth challenger outsailed her British rival on Monday, only for the race ultimately to be abandoned.

Peter de Savary concedes that it is the misfortune of his planned £5m campaign to have come up against a brilliant, innovative boat, even though publicly he is still as determined, as his crew were when six minutes down, to fight the Australians through every wave and windshift.

Yet these are only long-shot possibilities which might result in obtaining even one win in the best-of-seven series to decide who challenges America for the cup:

1. An increased aggressive attitude in the 10-minute starting manoeuvres before the gun which would force the Australian helmsman John Bertrand to overreact and get disqualified on protest. 2. A large element of luck on a major, favourable windshift. 3. An error such as the Australians made on the second downwind leg on Monday which allowed Rodney Pattison's shrewder judgement on the helm to pick up almost four minutes. 4. A superior start in which Victory '83 is either substantially ahead or Australia II crosses the line early and is recalled. 5. Or the heavier weather above 14 knots with lumpy seas in which the Ian Howlett design is thought to close the slower the wind.

The plain truth, emphasized in Monday's light to negligible airs which at times fainted away to three knots or less, is that Australia II is on average one and a half minutes faster on windward legs in 10-knot winds and half a minute to one minute slower downwind, which in conjunction with her one fifth of a length advantage on every tack is sufficient to guarantee victory if the start is level and Bertrand makes no mistakes. This advantage is magnified in time difference the slower the wind.

Monday's race, abandoned after just over five hours, halfway down the final windward leg when it was obvious the 3 hours 15 minutes time limit would expire, lends substance to the accusation of Dennis Conner, helmsman of Liberty, that the Australians were "sandbagging", or going slow, in

the semi-final race won by Victory '83, when Bertrand failed to exploit his tacking advantage. In spite of strong denials, it suddenly makes sense that the Australians would do nothing in that "dead" race to jeopardize crew gearage.

The contradiction in de Savary's handling of the campaign could not have been more heavily and ironically underlined when he roared out for Monday's start in his 35-ton powerboat Lissabon with Harry Cuimore and Bryan Willis sailing side by side on a sun deck.

Cuimore, visiting Newport in a hub between other commitments as possibly Britain's best helmsman, is the man who might have narrowed the gap with the Australians but left on mutual agreement several months ago when de Savary refused to compromise his squad system by making the Irishman overall skipper.

Three weeks ago de Savary also controversially dropped his other chief sailing theorist, Phil Crebbin, and it is significant that an American invited to coach the British crew on started decline so unless Crebbin was in the foreground.

Willis, who runs a yachting school on the Isle of Wight and is the country's leading rule expert, has been retained by de Savary exclusively to advise on start manoeuvre and possible ways of putting pressure on the opposition which might have forced them into a critical error.

As we mill around with the hundreds of other spectators boats gathered for the start 8 miles offshore, Willis dryly observes:

"The difference between fleet racing and match racing is as wide as between running and boxing. If you see the chance of a knockout blow, you deliver it."

## Kidds conquer Old World with ease

By John Nicholls

North American crews again did well when the international 14-foot world championship got back on schedule with two races in Faversham Bay yesterday. The surprise winner of the third of the series, was won by the Canadian brothers, Jamie and Hugh Kidd. This was their second successive win.

Philip Morrison, a local sailor who designs boats and also makes the sails for them, was a popular runner-up. Morrison and his crew, Martin Goulet made spectacular

## FOOTBALL

# Toshack is defiant

Est Berlin (Renter) - Swanscombe, the Welsh Cup holders, have a difficult task ahead if they are to overcome Magdeburg and reach the first round proper of the European Cup Winners' Cup tonight.

The East Germans, who held Swanscombe to a 1-1 draw in the preliminary round first-leg match in Wales last week, have made a good start to the new season and top the premier division with 10 points. They are the only unbeaten side in the division and won 5-0 against Union Berlin on Saturday. By contrast Swanscombe opened their new campaign with a 1-0 home defeat by Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday.

However, Swanscombe's manager John Toshack, who steered the club from the fourth division to the first in as many seasons before they were relegated in May, remains confident

his side can reach the first round. "We have not buried our hopes," he said. The Welshmen will have to contain the powerful Magdeburg forward Joachim Streich.

MAGDEBURG: D Heyne, D Schmitz, D Haugue, S Meier, G Gruner, A Witten, J Pfeiffer, W Schmid, D Hettner.

SWANSCOME CITY: J Rimmer, D Lewis, G Stevens, M Stevenson, J Morrissey, N Hollis, J Lee, J Charles, R Kennedy, A Curtis, R Leitchford.

• Phil Thompson, Liverpool's 39-year-old former captain, has rejected the chance of a move to Leicester City on loan. The England international, who has won seven championship medals, is currently out of the Liverpool side. Liverpool are awaiting for tonight's match at Norwich. Kennedy having recovered from a leg injury. Norwich hope to have Channon in the first team.

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The force of footballers trying to get themselves sent off to guarantee an appearance at Wembley has been ended by the FA. They have changed the disciplinary rules concerning a dismissal for persistent misconduct (two bookable offences), which last season was punished only by an automatic one-match suspension but did not carry points. Now the first caution will also be added to an unsuccessful appeal to the High Court.

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Foster's Notts County last season, replaced by a one-match ban that would enable him to play in the final.

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After two, perhaps three, years with Holiday on ice, she feels she will have all the personality she needs for the role, old enough, too, to command respect, young enough for her prowess as a competitor still to be remembered.

Towards the end she was training in Lake Placid, New York State, with Emmerich Danzer, a former world champion, and it was he who guided her in the direction of Holiday on ice, once she saw that her mind like his was made up. He would have liked her to go for it one more year.

Venturing into the wide world on her own talented feet, she was anxious to start with, thinking "God, have I made the right decision". She knew only one member of the show's company when they assembled at Heathrow for the flight to Panama City, a fellow Sohaili skater, John Stevenson, but by the time they arrived she was already one of the gang.

In due time she formed a warm friendship with Beatrice Anquillet, nice of a famous French cyclist, and that has helped in the final transition from duckling to swan, though she had never met and would probably never meet again. This had all come about because her parents had chosen the same hotel for their sister's wedding with Debbie as bridegroom, as we had for its close proximity to the Belfry golf course.

It was a revelation to meet her again, partly because she had materialized in such an unexpected quarter, and mainly because she had undergone such a personality change since unexpectedly giving up an amateur skating career to turn professional. She had joined one of the Holiday on ice companies and had flown off to Panama for an eight-month tour that took in also the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Chile.

She was shocked, she said, aware that her career was changing but when she returned home last month many people remarked on her composure. The Debbie Cottrill one knew up to the winter of 1981-2 had been hard to communicate with, her timidity had reduced her conversation, except among an intimate circle of friends, to monosyllabic replies, accompanied with nervous chuckles. One had approached her with some diffidence then. Now there is a warm welcome on her smiling face.

Debbie Cottrill won the British championship for the first time at 16 in 1978. There were then two setbacks before she regained the title in 1981, after securing fourth place in the world championships at Hartford, Connecticut, the same year. Her expectations of another good year's progress were ruined by injury and surgery and after her tenth place in the world championship of 1982 at Copenhagen she decided that enough was more than enough.

During the tour she was usually billed as "the British star, or something like that", but the professional ice she had, at first, been "a novelty" about things falling flat. It was strange to wear clip-on earrings, jewellery, flowers in the hair, but after the first night it was fine".

Show skating was a different form "stronger on presentation and choreography than technical". She never does any triple jumps or double axels in the show, leaving the

and has her favourites. Jayne Torville and Christopher Dean are "just marvellous, getting better all the time when you think there can't be any more room for improvement". Rosalyn Summers, the new world champion, and Katarina Witt most appeal to her among those who would be her rivals had she not taken the plunge that surprised the skating world.

But I have absolutely no regret, she says, and seeing, her family settled up in an armchair in the Colirio, elegant family home at Balmain, Sydney, you can easily understand why. Her company are in Europe this winter, starting at Le Havre on September 6. She can hardly wait.

John Hennessy

Yield 9 g by Youth - LaSalle 5-11-6

Mr D'Amico 4-12-12

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**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS**

**DEATHS**  
JOHNSTON - On August 30th, peacefully at Windmill Emmy, widow of Frederick Johnston, late of National Grid, died at her home, 11, Albany Street, London SW1.

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**GLORIOUS THINGS** are spoken of the City of God. Psalm 87:5.

**BIRTHS**

**AUCHINLECK** - On August 29th, 1983, at 8.14H Muriel, wife of Robert Auchinleck, died at her home, 10, St James' Square, London SW1.

**MARIE** - On August 28th, 1983, to Sally Eccles and David - a daughter, Deborah, born 1978.

**BODDIE** - On August 26th, a daughter, Tina, a daughter.

**COLVIN** - On 28th August at St Thomas' Hospital, London, David and David a son, Thomas, George, Carl and David.

**GOLDMAN** - On August 30th, 1983, to Yvonne and Andrew - a daughter, Sophie.

**LEWIS-CROSEY** - On August 26th, in Lucas (nee Frazier) and John at the church of St Paul, Knightsbridge, a daughter, Alana Diana, a sister for Robert.

**MURKIN** - On August 28th, 1983, in the Linda Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Linda and District 2 son, Alan.

**PREEVIER** - On August 28th, at Our Lady of the Assumption and Martin, a daughter, Anna, and Ruth, a daughter, Helen.

**RUSCO** - On 26th August, at St Peter's, Chelmsford, Essex, a son, Trevor, a brother to - a daughter, Sophie.

**SAWYER** - On August 28th, 1983, in Levenside, Liverpool, to John and Irene, a daughter, Linda, and Mark, a son.

**SHAW** - On Saturday, August 26th, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Herne Bay, Kent, to June and Rani Singh, their first child.

**TUSMAN** - On August 26th, of Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, a son, Michael, and Brian, a daughter, Laura.

**WEISS** - On 27th August, to Carol, wife of Len Weiss.

**WETHERED** - On August 23rd, in Birkdale Colliery, Lancashire, Thomas - a daughter, Linda Diane.

**WINTZERSON** - On August 30th, 1983, to John and Johnnie, their first child, a brother for Rachel.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**HUGHES** - Living, London, 18 years old on 29th August. Love and best wishes from Ian and Sam.

**MARRIAGES**

**GILLES** : **SCRIBNER** - On Sat, Aug 27th, at Chichester, Nicholas, son of Dr. Philip and Mrs. Nicholas, and Vicki, to Christopher Ann, second daughter of Dr. Philip and Vicki.

**LUXMOORE-GODFREY** - On Aug 27th, 1983, in Chichester, West Sussex, a daughter, Sophie.

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## Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Lee

BBC 1

TV-am

8.00 *Ceefax*: All News, sport, weather, travel information.  
8.25 *Broadsheet*: Frank Bough and Sue Cook provide the chatter between news at 8.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30; regional news at 8.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15; sport at 8.45, 7.15, 7.45, 8.15; *Sport in the Kitchen* at 8.45 and 9.00.

9.00 *Scooby Doo Where Are You?*9.20 *Blue Peter*: Gates Silver

Highlights of the 1979

Egyptian expedition to swim

the Red Sea, climb the

Pyramids and be ejected by an

unimpressed camel. 9.45

*Jackman* (r) 10.00 *Willie the Wimp*, 10.05 *Tale Out*. 10.25

Closedown.

1.00 *News*, weather, with Richard Whitmore and Fern Britton.1.17 *Financial Report* andsubmitted news. 1.30 *King**Rollo*. 1.35 *Eric-e-Snick*.1.45 *The New Foresters*:

Woodman Cliff Fenell and

wood sculptor Greg Hopkins

workshop in the New Forest.

2.15 *Film: Pleasure Cove* (1978)

Suffice it to say that this US

TV-made film set at a hectic

holiday paradise stars Tom

Jones in a non-singing role (as

a rogue). 2.30 *James Bond*

and Harry Guardino also appeared

in what was meant to lead to a

series halfway between *The**Love Boat* and *Fantasy Island*.2.50 *The Flying Boats*. During

the First World War they were

used to patrol the North Sea,

and later, were flown as far as

India.

4.20 *Play School* (as on BBC 2,10.30am) 4.40 *Boo Cat*.

Vintage cartoon comedy with

more than a whisker of *Bikko*(r) 5.55 *John Craven's**Newsworld*. 5.10 *The Children*

of Destiny, The 14th Dalai

*Lama of Tibet* (r).5.40 *News*, weather.6.00 *South East Six*.6.25 *Brig's Weather*.6.35 *Doctor Who*: Black Orchid. Dr

Peter Davison comes back

down to Earth, circa 1925; in

this two-part escape set at a

country manor. (r)

7.00 *The Show Must Show*. Those

who are less than impressed

with the superficiality of this

self-styled popular science-

circus will perceive some sort

of poetic justice in this edition,

which installs presenters

Maggie Philbin and John

Craven as shop window

dummies.

7.30 *Film: Hanging By a Thread*

The site refers to the

disabled cable car, still

dangling 7,000 feet up a

mountainside, though it could

easily describe the over-

stretched script. This uses

Patty Duke Austin, Bert Convy,

Sam Groom, Diana Mills and

Cameron Mitchell.

9.00 *News*, weather.9.25 *The Life and Times of David**Lloyd George*. Penultimate

chapter of Eustace Morgan's

incurably romantic drama and

yet another case of

consecutive scheduling on

BBC this week. No less than

10 programmes today either

carry on from yesterday, or

continue tomorrow.

Meanwhile, *Prickly Madoc*, as

Lloyd George, sweeps back to

TV in a bid for the

titles, and determines to

win the Irish Question. Last

part, surprise, surprise,

surprise, surprise.

10.25 *International Athletics*. Stewes

Owen and Cram were due to

compete at tonight's invitation

meeting in Koblenz, West

Germany.

11.00 *News Headlines*.11.10 *Fleming's Road*. The week's

second visit to the Road (not

quite *all*'s Coronation Street)

produces a disaster.

Sam and Fielding nose dive

into the alligator-infested

Everglades.

12.00 *Weather* and closedown.

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# Ruthless visionary who led his country into peace and war

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The decision of Menachem Begin to resign as Israel's sixth Prime Minister marks the end of an era in Israel, where he has remained one of the most formative figures since being elected to the first Knesset in 1949 as founder of the right-wing Herut (Freedom) Party.

A powerful and often vituperative orator (claimed by friends to be fluent in 10 languages), Mr Begin, the ruthless commander of the free state Jewish terror group known as the Irgun Zvai Leumi, has subsequently emerged into perhaps the most popular politician Israel has known. He has certainly always been one of the most controversial.

To meet in private, Mr Begin was always polite, courteous and a stickler for protocol. It was hard to reconcile his persona with the British warrant issued for him by the Palestine Police in 1946, which spoke of "a tall angular man with the thin lined face of a fanatic, jet black hair and myopic eyes behind thick lenses; he is the type of irresponsible, uncompromising rebel, thirsting for its strength and warmth".

Those closest to Mr Begin during his six years in power after an often frustrating career on the back benches (excluding three years in a national unity government) have tended to be those who fought alongside him in the Jewish underground. They are still often referred to as members of the "fighting family".

One observer described the four main influences on Mr Begin's long career as his Zionist mentor, the revisionist leader Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky, the Nazi holocaust in which he lost his parents and a brother, his devoted wife Aliza, who died last November after 42 years of marriage; and his overriding conviction that the Occupied

West Bank is part of Israel's God-given territory.

Only a week after the 1977 election which brought his Government to power, Mr Begin outlined his philosophy. "I believe Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) are an integral part of our sovereignty", he said. "It is our land. It was occupied by Abdulla (the King of Jordan) against international law, against our inherent right. It was liberated during the Six Day War, when we used our rights of national self-defence. You amaze foreign lands, you do not amaze your own country".

Born in Brest Litovsk on August 16, 1913, Mr Begin became leader of the Betar youth movement, whose motto was "Ra Kach" ("Only Thus") and whose emblem was a rifle waved across both sides of the Jordan River. It was no coincidence that he and his wife were married in the Betar uniform, as their relationship was an intellectual as well as a physical match legendary in international politics for its strength and warmth.

With the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, Menachem Begin soon became a Soviet prisoner in Siberia. He first came to Palestine as a private in the Polish Army and was reunited with his wife, who had already escaped there. He took command of the Irgun, but insists that he never deserved from the Polish forces (last year he threatened to sue the *Daily Telegraph* for suggesting that he did, indicating the store he has always set by absolute loyalty). Unlike one of his most daring lieutenants, Mrs Gela Cohen, who subtitled her book "Memoirs of a Terrorist", Mr Begin angrily refuses to acknowledge the Irgun's record. Despite a campaign which included the blowing up of the King David Hotel, he

hanging of two British sergeants in 1947 and the Deir Yassin massacre in which more than 200 Arab men, women and children were killed.

During the turbulent free state period, the young Mr Begin rapidly displayed the qualities of leadership which have marked his period as prime minister until the recent sad decline, which many commentators link directly to the invasion of Lebanon - the failed grand design of former Defence Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, which Mr Begin sanctioned on June 6, 1982.

During the violent campaign against the British and Arabs in the 1940s Mr Begin is believed never to have seen military action or to have fired a shot in anger, although he was responsible for planning violence on a wide scale and had a £10,000 price set on his head by the British.

The retiring prime minister, who presided over Israel's sixth and most divisive was, wrote in his autobiography that the life of ever man who fights for a just cause is a paradox. "He makes war to there should be peace. He sheds blood so there should be no more bloodshed," he explained, then in language similar to that of his speeches justifying the Lebanon conflict. "That is the way of the world".

In the elections to the first Knesset, Herut won 14 seats, but it was destined to remain in opposition until 1977 - excluding the national unity period between 1967 and 1970 - leaving Mr Begin with a legacy of resentment.

In the last few months, especially after the more recent death of deputy prime minister Simcha Erlich, his closest confidant, Mr Begin has cut a lonely, occasionally tragic figure.

It is sometimes hard to remember, listening to his most tub-thumping speeches about Israeli rights to the West Bank, that the man criticized internationally for expanding Jewish settlements is still reviled by militant Jews for handing back the Sinai as the price for the Camp David treaty with Egypt, for which he won the Nobel Prize.

As he drove from the prime minister's office yesterday past the group of supporters still chanting "Begin, Begin, King of Israel," Mr Begin may have recalled a remark he made in 1979 concerning the Biblical area first conquered from Jordan in 1967. "My old age shall not shame my youth," he declared then. "I was born an Eretz Israeli and I will die an Eretz Israeli, and on this I shall not compromise one iota, even if they call me a traitor."

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## Israel without a leader

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quiet political life and that at a date yet unspecified he would be spell out publicly his reasons for stepping down. Previously Mr Begin has explained that he would use his retirement or write books, principally his memoirs.

• WORLD REACTION: Chancellor Kohl, of West Germany, has postponed his visit to Israel after being told yesterday by the Israeli ambassador that Mr Begin would resign (Michael Binyon writes). The decision spares the Chancellor the embarrassment of arriving in Israel during a government crisis and having his symbolism visit overshadowed.

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But he also voiced the hope that may new Israeli policy should "be in the right direction at least to reach a comprehensive settle-

ment" for the region.

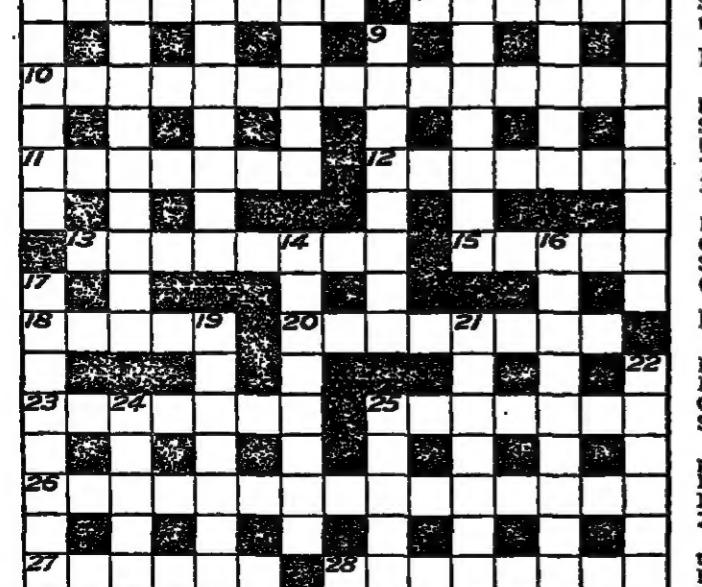
"We should ignore that the

Palestinian problem is still the main problem in its area".

In Moscow Pravda said that even if Begin did step down, this would likely do nothing to change Israel's "aggressive expansionist" policy and Washington's support for it (AP reports).

No new date has been fixed for

### The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,222



#### ACROSS

- Cancel immediately, we hear (5, 3).
- 5 Gots worn in the first of several strikes (6).
- 10 Waits for production of this book (1, 9, 5).
- 11 Such edible delight (7).
- 12 I am quietly learning to beg (7).
- 13 Giving speech, don't start being inaudible (8).
- 15 The long, not the Spanish, leather (5).
- 18 Island in which a river flows (5).
- 20 Conquistador's not finished holding surgeon in warship (8).
- 23 Pools of it around in aircraft (7).
- 25 Promising youngster sated with Ruritania? (7).
- 26 Uninvited as car crashes in the vicinity of Victoria (9, 6).
- 27 Did a dance having brought in the catch (6).
- 28 Bowler, for instance, had to agree to differ (8).

#### DOWN

- 1 Successfully breaking the law can result in it (6).
- 2 He succeeds in transmuting their gold (9).
- 3 Building uninsured if I cease to provide cover for it (7).
- 4 Seal for double (5).
- 6 Here's the main part of 22 (7).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,221

**ENGLISH-SPANISH DICTIONARY**  
AMERICAN-SPANISH  
BRAZILIAN-SPANISH  
CZECH-SPANISH  
FRENCH-SPANISH  
GERMAN-SPANISH  
HUNGARIAN-SPANISH  
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PORTUGUESE-SPANISH  
RUSSIAN-SPANISH  
SWEDISH-SPANISH  
USA-SPANISH  
YUGOSLAVIAN-SPANISH

POSITIVE EDITION

Horsefair, Banbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (closes today).

The Octagon, Summer Show, a display of craft items. The Crafts Room, Octagon Gallery, 1, Lower Crescent, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 1.30 and 2.15 to 5 (closes today).

The Human Form, Alick Knox and Cathleen McWilliams, Peacock Gallery, Cregagh, Northern Ireland; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, closed Sat and Sun (closes today).

Local Look: countryside exhibition, Brook, Isle of Wight; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 6.30, Sun 2.30 to 6 (closes today).

Weaving chairs paintings by Jane Reeves, Banbury Museum, 8,

Mon to Sat 10 to 4 (closes today).

The West Kent Brass Rubbing Centre, Rochester Cathedral crypt, Rochester; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5 (closes today).

Exhibition of unique aircraft, the Museum of Flight, East Fortune airfield, North Berwick, East Lothian; open daily 10 to 4 (closes today).

Tropical Wings, The Museum and Art Gallery, Charnwood Square, Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 10, Sun (closes Oct 30).

Colouring Metals, Stafford Museum and Art Gallery, The Green, Stafford; Tues to Fri 10 to 5, Sat to 4, closed Sun and Mon (ends Oct 8).

Exhibitions in progress

The work of John Ruskin, Abbott Hall Art Gallery and Museum of Lakeland Life and Industry, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Sept 18).

Action Portraits, Scottish press photographs, The Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Oct 20).

"Ambient": drawings and textiles by Amanda Rahrig and Jenny Sancious, Oxford Gallery, 23 High Street, Oxford; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (closes Sept 14).

The Golden Age of Richard III, Gloucester City Museum and Art Gallery, Brunswick Road, Gloucester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun (closes Oct 1).

Photographs of old Derby, Derby Museum and Art Gallery, The Strand, Derby; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Mon and Sun (closes Sept 17).

Paintings by Mervyn Charlton, Festival Gallery, 1, Piccadilly, Piccadilly Bath; Tues to Sat 11 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (closes Sept 21).

London Children's Eyes, an Arts Council touring exhibition, Forest Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Sept 10).

"Tomorrow's Technology Today", The Design Centre, 72 Vincent Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5, Sat 9 to 5 (closes Sept 10).

Celtic Art, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4 (closes Oct 4).

Through Children's Eyes, an Arts Council touring exhibition, Forest Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Sept 10).

Artistic Metalwork, The Royal Mint, Llantrisant, Glamorgan; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Sept 10).

Antique Furniture, The Royal Mint, Llantrisant, Glamorgan; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (closes Sept 10).

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